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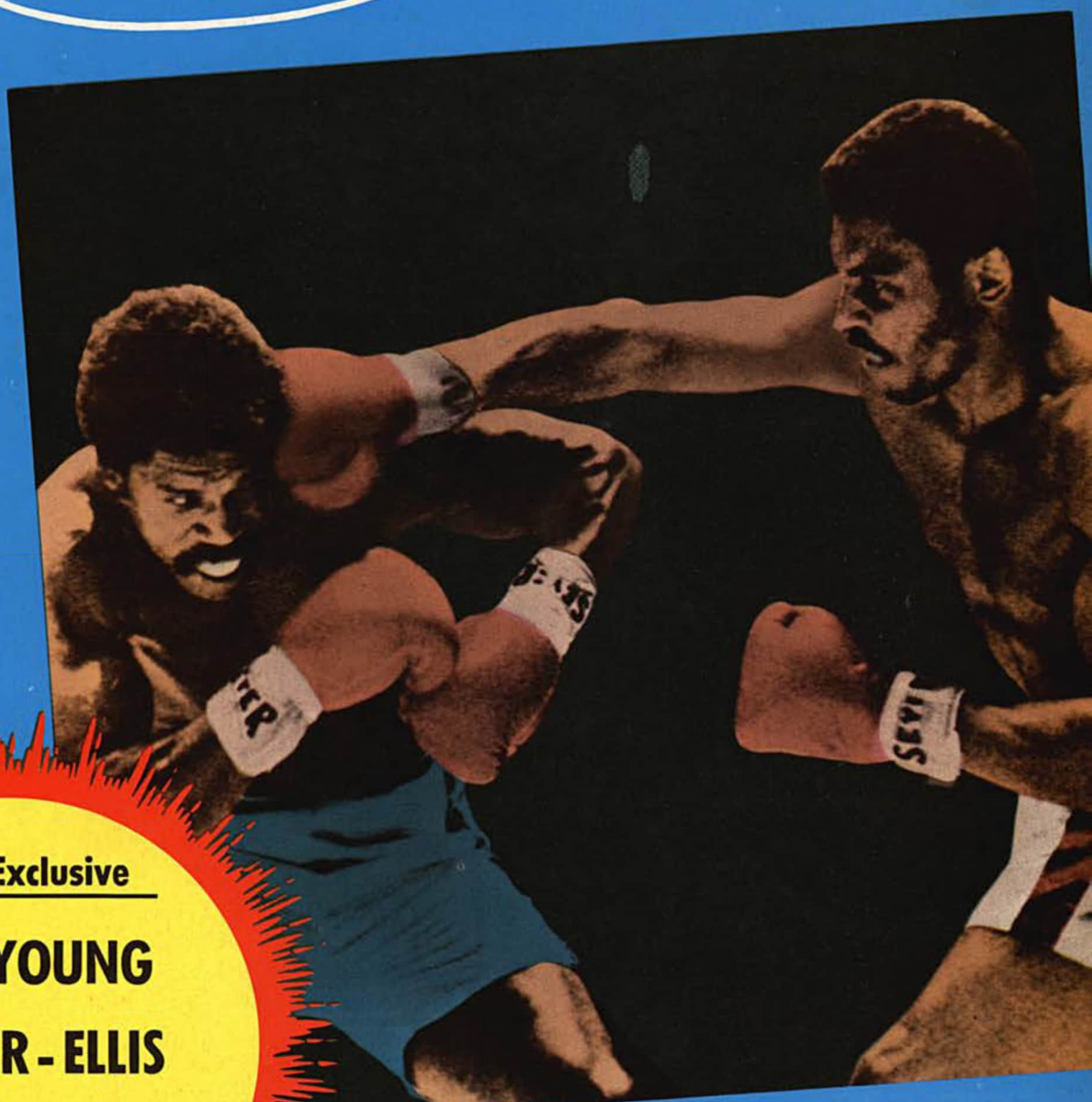

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

THE reaction from the ten million dollar fight in Africa has set in. There is a recession in boxing as there is in the general economic world.

The stupendous, ridiculous, preposterous guarantees, five million each, paid to Muhammad Ali and George Foreman for a lowgrade fight which would have been hissed out of the ring in a neighborhood club gave boxing a setback from which it is going to have a hard time to recover.

Not only were Ali and George outrageously overpaid but fans around the world who watched the screen showing in closed circuit theatre vision had to pay unreasonable prices for their tickets. They came out feeling bilked and determined not to be taken again.

The basic reason for the troubles which the game has encountered have to do with the entry of unprofessional, inexperienced promoters into the major fight situations.

Also, figuring in the recession is the new style promoters' lack of experience.

Knowing about packaging for radio and television and, secondly, about putting together a big fight, are different activities calling for different skills.

The new school of promoters has been working with the money of other people. These other people are stuck in the financial crunch along with the brokers in Wall Street and the guys running meat and vegetable markets.

New school promoters are running around looking for backers and they are not finding them. This bad effect on the fistic market is one of the reasons for the serious troubles in which new promoters find themselves.

Before New York's new governor Carey was elected it appeared certain that he would exert his influence to revive the tax cutting bill which retiring governor Wilson vetoed. But now no governor has the political strength with which to cut any form of taxation. The big idea is to find new sources of state income and not reduced tax percentages.

In consequence, the new style promoters are in distress and boxing in the United States is running through hard times.

All of which somehow leads us to the fight in Cleveland's new arena between Muhammad Ali and Chuck Wepner.

All of a sudden the World Boxing Council, which translates into Ramon Valasquez, of Mexico, has announced that it has disallowed this fight.

Thousands of boxing buffs became mystified by the entry of a group labelled the W. B. C. into the fight news. Who and what are the W.B.C.? Why does a group leader working out of Mexico City get himself and the W.B.C. involved in a match which has to do with Cleveland?

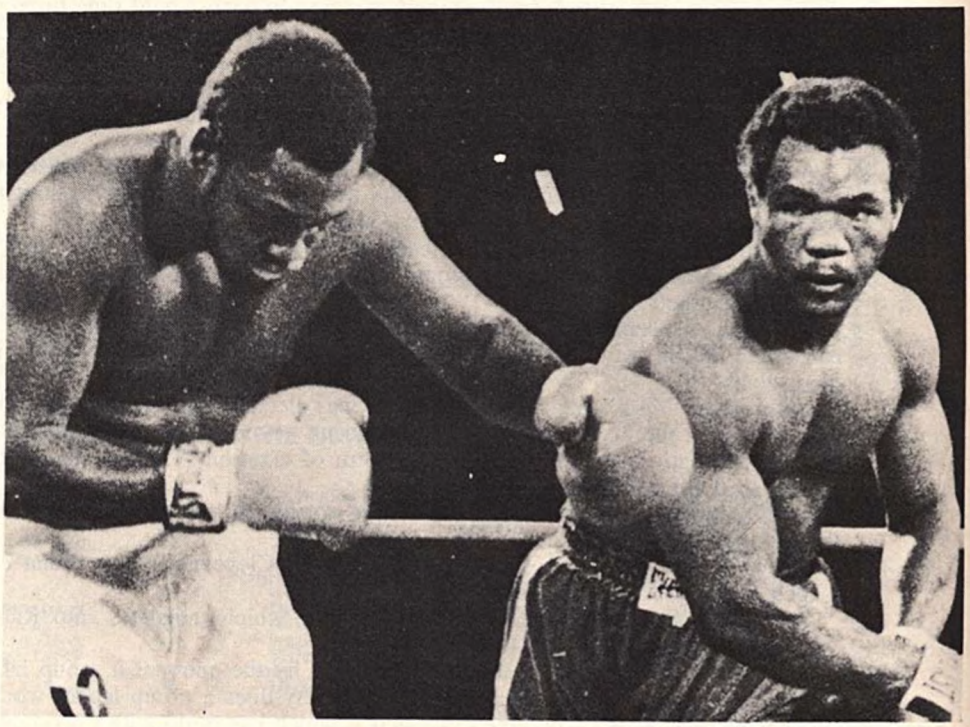
The general effect on the fight is, of course, nil.

To be sure, it is not a fight to be highly recommended. But things are tough enough without boxing organizations hurting the sport for personal reasons. Let's get this fight out of the way and start working on fights that will be more pleasing to Ramon Velasquez and everyone else.

ALI'S Next, FRAZIER or FOREMAN?

By DAN DANIEL

WHERE WILL ALI'S NEXT FIGHT BE. . .



Joe Frazier takes a hard right from George Foreman. Frazier lost fight and with it his title in Jamaica, January 23, 1973.

MIAMI BEACH, Florida — On his way from Melbourne, Australia to Deer Lake and the Muhammad Ali camp, Angie Dundee said that either Joe Frazier or George Foreman might be the world champion's next opponent.

"Some people might still say that the pivot of heavyweight planning was a fight between Ali and Ron Lyle," Dundee said. "Could be that the Lyle defeat by unrated Jimmy Young will not cancel out an Ali - Ron fight, which was discussed in New York before Lyle was beaten by Young.

"I called the turn on the Lyle setback. I had seen Young operate and wished I had a couple of guys like him," said Dundee.

"When Willie Ketchum signed up for his man Jose Luis Garcia to fight Young I told him to back away. I said that Young would beat Garcia, and beat him he did.

"However, that's all behind us. And now the question of thousands of fight buffs is . . . Whom will Ali fight now?

"I hope that his next bout will be against a significant opponent. It is difficult to arouse Ali's interest and efforts

The "Manassa Mauler," Jack Dempsey, knocks George Carpentier out of the ring in their July 2, 1921 fight. Chris Dundee picks Dempsey as all time great.

against a man of a lesser type.

"An opponent like Joe Frazier brings out the best in Ali and so does a George Foreman.

"You cannot figure Ali out. Give him the proper objective and he will give you the best possible response."

When Angie was asked for his opinion of The Ring all-time heavyweight poll which made Joe Louis the greatest, he replied, "I may be too young to qualify for an opinion. All I can say is that Muhammad Ali is the greatest heavy I have seen.

"I never saw Jack Dempsey. My brother Chris saw Jack in all of his big fights and he says that Dempsey deserved to win in The Ring poll.

"I did not rate Joe Louis the No. 1 heavy. He had a lot of narrow escapes while he was champion.

"Chris and I agree on one fighter as the puncher of punchers and he was Sonny Liston. His left jab could knock them out. You saw what Sonny did to Floyd Patterson twice.

"Liston hit Ali with enough power to have stopped any heavyweight of any era.

"Liston hit Ali hard enough to break him in half," said Chris. "The night Ali won the title from Sonny here in Miami Beach, Ali was the greatest heavyweight in fighting history."

The interviewer insisted that Angie was not telling all that he knew about Ali's plans.

"I have heard talk about three or four fights, but nothing definite," Angie replied.

"Frazier has been given prominent mention, and behind him George Foreman. But we of the camp know of no sure thing. Herbert Muhammad calls up

Sonny Liston is picked by Chris Dundee as hardest puncher of all time, waits in his corner as referee Peerless counts Cleveland Williams out, in Miami on April 15, 1959.

and off we go to Deer Lake to go into the customary training regimen. Have I any personal choice? Maybe it is Frazier. The two fights Ali has had with Joe marked two of the peaks in Ali's career. Getting ready for a third fight with Frazier would make our camp the spotlighted locale of the boxing world.

"We need that fight in New York. Boxing needs New York, and New York boxing needs the Garden.

"Next to a fight between Ali and Frazier, New York needs a Monzon defense of the middleweight title. However, there is a great possibility that Ali will next defend in Europe or an Eastern country."

Chris observed: "One of the most underrated heavies was Gene Tunney," the older Dundee said. "Beating Jack twice was no mean trick, even if as the experts said, Dempsey had passed his peak. "That Long Count fight was a real test for Gene."

Angie took back the interview with the statement, "Do you realize that Ali never has injured an opponent?

"Watching him work in training is an experience. He might get decked but he

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Quarry Decision Unpopular

BY TED YAMACHIKA

RINGSIDE from Honolulu.

The most obvious aftermath to the controversial ten round decision that Jerry Quarry won over George (Scrap Iron) Johnson is that Quarry is no longer to be considered as a suitable contender for world heavyweight honors.

It was the 51st win for Quarry, whose main contribution to the fight was a presentable left jab and hook to Johnson's belly. But it was Johnson who made the fight by his stalking of Quarry from bell to bell. As Quarry moved away he would toss his left hands and although there were no knockdowns in the contest, Quarry's hitting seemed to impress the scoring of the officials, who gave Quarry a unanimous win. Referee Wilbert Minn had it 50 to 43; his brother Herbert, a judge, also had it 50 to 43, and judge Tommy Tomihara scored it 50 to 42.

After the fight Johnson said: "I figured I had won a close fight — I was robbed!"

Quarry, who was irritated by the fact that his win had been unpopular with the fans, stated: "They, the fans, are only happy when you knock a man out — if you don't then they think you're a bum."

How good was Johnson that Quarry couldn't take him out? He lost his last fight to Johnny Boudreaux. Quarry's last fight was a loss to Joe Frazier, but one can hardly compare Boudreaux and Frazier as opponents.

Said Quarry on Johnson: "You have got to remember that I am the only white heavyweight of consequence in the world today and all the black fighters get up for me. Also, George doesn't get knocked out easily, he's a tough guy who stays in there and can take a good punch. This was one fight he really wanted to win."

There was little difference in the weights with Quarry coming in at 209¾ pounds to Johnson's 216.

The Oklahoma former scrap iron dealer would like another chance at Quarry but not in Honolulu. He stated that he had defeated Quarry and felt he could do even a better job back on the mainland where the optometrists don't give the officials the wrong glasses.

After the fight Gil Clancy, Quarry's mentor, was asked about a report that he had been offered $60,000 to fight Ron Lyle. This offer coming in right after the fight. Would he accept it?

Gil said Quarry could take Ron but that he felt the money wasn't right — he would hold out for more.

Regardless of whether Lyle fights Quarry or no the fact remains that no amount of explanation can minimize the poor showing made by Quarry against a man whom pre fight critics tabbed as a "pushover". Regardless of whether Lyle and Quarry fight and have a good fight the fans are not likely to easily forget Quarry's poor showing against Johnson and a win over Lyle would do more to downgrade Ron than it would to build up Jerry for a shot at the heavyweight championship.

Suzuki Defeats Buchanan

BY JOE KOIZUMI

RINGSIDE REPORT, Tokyo, Japan — Ishimatsu "Guts" Suzuki retained his World Boxing Council crown via a fifteen round unanimous decision over Scotland's Ken Buchanan.

Suzuki, 135, looked the best of his career, moving well and beating Buchanan at his own game by outboxing the slick Scot. Guts' best rounds were the fourth, fifth, ninth and thirteenth. He scored well with fast combinations to the head and body with a busy attack which kept Ken from getting on-tracked. Ishimatsu did his best work in the thirteenth round in which he attempted to kayo Buchanan. Ken was on the deck that round due to a slip.

Buchanan's attack was nothing more than fast footwork and left jabs. He couldn't land a right worth a damn. His father, Thomas, stated after the bout, "Ken lost the fight because he suffered a thumbing injury to his left eye while sparring with a Japanese boxer the Monday before the bout. That was the difference." Buchanan's weight was 133¾.

The scoring of the bout: Dick Young, the American referee, 144-142; London's Harry Gibbs, 145-144, and Japanese judge Sieji Ebine, 149-141, all for Suzuki. AP had it 149-145; UPI called it 148-143, both for the champion.

A crowd of some 9,000 cheered Suzuki after the bout when he ran around the ring with his 2-year-old daughter held over his head. A sad Buchanan came over then and held up Ishimatsu's hand.

Suzuki stated after the contest, "I think because of his fine record Buchanan was over-confident." He went on, "Ken had a good left, but he hit me hard only once with his right, in the fourth round. I was not sure I was the winner at the end of the 15th round. I thought it might be a draw."

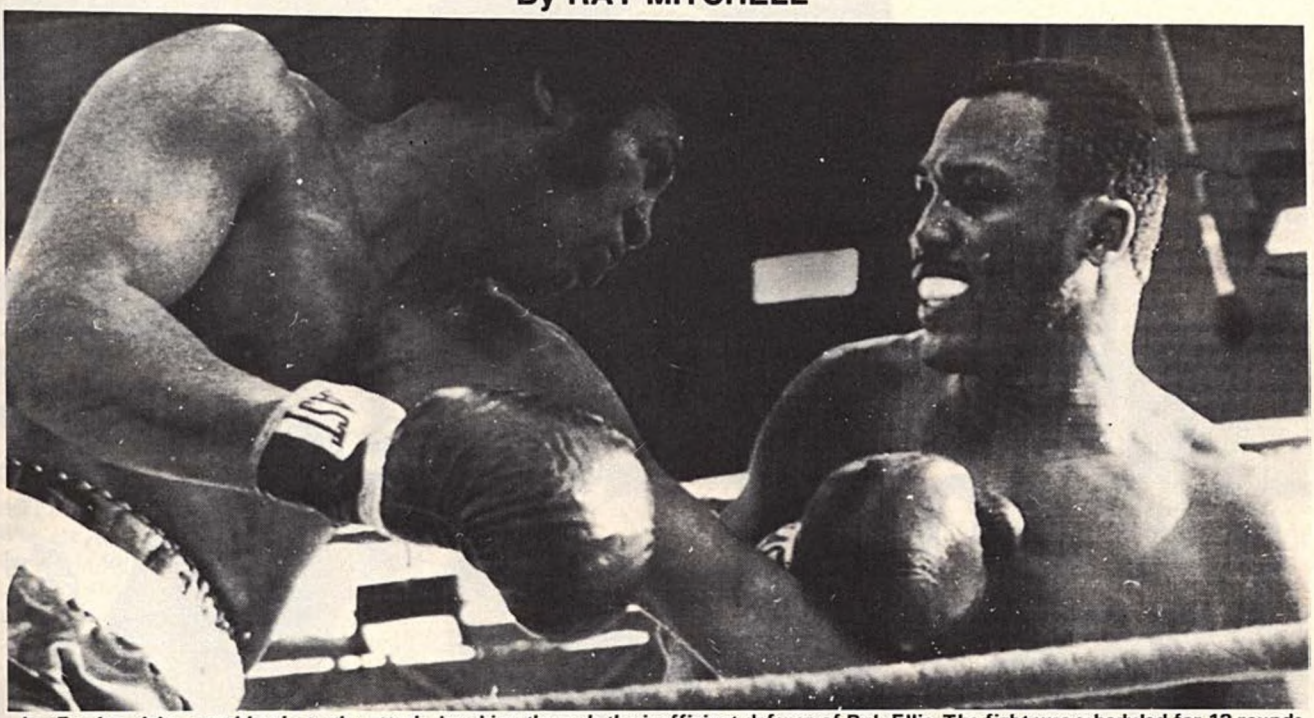
There were no knockdowns. The only blood in the bout came from a bloody nose of Buchanan in the fourth. He also had a badly swollen left eye by the seventh. Suzuki was unmarked.

This was the champ's third defense of his WBC crown that he won from Rodilfo Gonzalez in April of 1974. His total record to date, 29-11-6. This loss drops Buchanan's mark to 56-3. Ken held the lightweight crown before being kayoed by Roberto Duran of Panama in June of 1972.

Ishimatsu looks forward to boxing the winner of the Roberto Duran-Ray Lampkin bout in Panama City to clear up the lightweight picture. Suzuki met Duran in September of 1973 and was kayoed in ten. He drew with Arturo Pineda in September of 1973. In turn Ray Lampkin defeated Pineda over ten rounds in December of 1973.

FRAZIER KO's ELLIS

By RAY MITCHELL



Joe Frazier, right, smashing in to the attack, breaking through the inefficient defense of Bob Ellis. The fight was scheduled for 12 rounds at Melbourne, Australia and Joe won in the ninth round when referee, Bob Foster, halted the contest to prevent Ellis from receiving further punishment.

When the former light heavyweight champion of the world, Bob Foster, acting as the referee in the fight between Jimmy Ellis and Joe Frazier, stepped in between both men to stop their fight at 59½ seconds of the ninth round, he made of Frazier a prime subject for a crack at the heavyweight crown.

This made the second time that Frazier knocked out Ellis. The last occasion was in New York on February 16, 1970, when Ellis was finished off in five rounds by the then holder of the world heavyweight title.

Frazier held the title until January 2, 1973 when he was knocked out in two sessions by George Foreman.

In their most recent fight in Melbourne, Australia, it was expected that Ellis would attempt to go out punching in the first round, when he is most dangerous and if unsuccessful, then go on to outbox Frazier if possible. The reasoning behind such strategy is that Frazier is always a slow starter and has trouble in the early rounds.

The surprise in the fight was that rarely did Ellis show his expertise in the boxing department, and he allowed Frazier to move in and bully him and take charge early in the fight. By the eighth round, Ellis was tired and obviously all washed up. It was only a question of time. . .a question of when the end would come. It did come in the ninth round when the fight was halted by the referee.

In the seventh round Ellis received a cut over his right eye and Frazier's left hooks were being delivered at will. In the ninth round, it was obvious to all at ringside that Ellis was practically defenseless. The halting of the contest was good judgement on the part of referee Foster, since the continuation of the contest would have served no purpose.

Ellis had won the first three rounds with Frazier living up to expectations by being a slow starter.

The 31 year old Frazier, 10 pounds lighter than Ellis, who came in at 200¾ pounds, never seemed in any real danger. He scored his 27th knockout in 32 victories and has only lost twice in his professional boxing career.

After the fight Frazier said: "I knew I had to get him under control, and in the early rounds he was counter punching as I attempted to move in. But, by the sixth round I knew I had him and went to work on his body, switching to his head when his guard came down. I now would like a chance at Ali and the title, and I'll beat him this time."

The 35 year old Ellis just didn't have it after three rounds and it was his corner man, Angelo Dundee, who requested of the referee that the fight be stopped in the ninth round. It may be that Ellis, who has no place to go now, may hang up his gloves instead of just becoming an opponent for heavyweights on the way up.

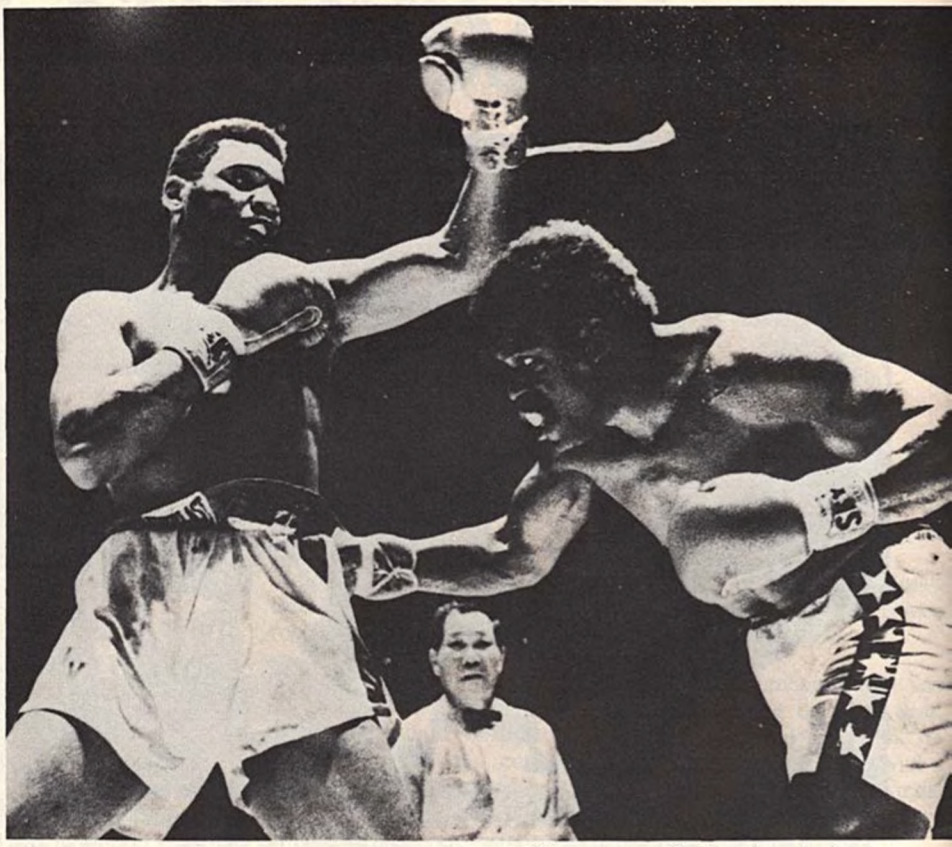
He had this to say about his losing effort: "I tried hard, and in those early rounds felt good, but I just couldn't seem to get my shots off like I wanted to."

What Ellis was saying, is what we have heard on many previous occasions, when a fighter just didn't have it any more. A fighter can see the openings, but he can no longer deliver the blows until the openings are closed and the opportunity is lost. Ellis, once a fancy dan, can no longer use his feet as he used to and this was obvious in the Frazier match where he could not hope to stand up to the punishing attack of the heavier armament carrier by his opponent. Had he been able to move, he might have made a better fight.

15,000 fans paid to see the fight in St. Kilda Junction Oval in Melbourne, which holds 52,000.

But the movies and home television made up for the lack of live attendance, and the promoter announced that he had made a small profit with gate receipts of $327,500. Frazier had been guaranteed $275,000 and Ellis $75,000.

According to sources close to the heavyweight champion, he would like to fight Joe Bugner, of England, and give George Foreman a shot at his title, with Joe Frazier also in the running for a fight, possibly in Melbourne late this year or early next.



Ron Lyle gets in punch to the mid-section of Jimmy Young. Lyle is still a heavyweight contender despite his loss to unheralded Jimmy Young in a 10-round decision on Feb. 15, 1975, in Honolulu.

HOW TO LOSE $1,000,000 IN ONE NIGHT

By MIKE HAYES

THE CHANCES of third-ranked Ron Lyle's title hopes suffered a severe blow when the Denver heavyweight dropped a 10-round decision to 9th-rated Jimmy Young in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Plans for a June meeting between Lyle and Champion Muhammad Ali were quashed by Madison Square Garden officials after Lyle's stunning upset.

"It sure looks like the bottom dropped out of an Ali-Lyle fight," said Garden president Mike Burke.

Lyle entered the ring as a heavy favorite to dispose of his younger foe, who fights out of Philadelphia. The 6-foot-3½ Lyle weighed in at 218½ pounds, while Young, who stands 6-foot-2, came in at 203¾.

Normally a slow starter in the early stages, Lyle came out strong and won the first round with bone-jarring body shots that began to take their toll on Young midway in the bout. However, Young's exceptionally quick hands soon began causing trouble for Lyle and gradually the fight momentum swung in Young's favor.

During the many clinches, Young got the best of the stronger Lyle with quick, snappy left hooks. Although Lyle was never hurt or stunned, the punches did much to throw off the Denver heavyweight's timing and enabled Young to dictate the flow of the match.

Young credited the turnabout to his style.

"I had planned to fight him the way I did. I always was able to get away and score with my left and I never was in serious trouble."

From the third round on Young's lefts frustrated Lyle in his attempts to maneuver Young into position for offensive thrusts. When Young began to feel the inside pressure, he would tie up Lyle and then get in a couple of quick punches before moving safely away. When Lyle cornered him against the ropes, the 26-year-old Young would hang on until the referee broke in.

Lyle did connect on some savage head shots, the best coming at the 1:55 mark of the seventh round when a combination sent Young staggering backwards.

Now 13-4-2 and situated in the ninth spot in the World Boxing Association ratings, Young realized he would have to be wary of Lyle in the latter stages of the fight.

Time and time again Lyle would press in and pummel Young's body and head with combinations, but the shifty Philadelphia fighter would backpedal out of trouble.

Lyle constantly forced the action, especially in the last three rounds when he realized Young was ahead and a knockout would be the only way he could salvage a win and his No. 3 ranking.

But, Young never got careless and withstood Lyle's awesome punching power. Admitting that his body absorbed tremendous punishment, Young later stated his excellent conditioning prepared him for the body shots.

More than 3,800 watched the upset and most ringside observers felt Lyle's punching attack was blunted because of styles.

Promoter Sam Ichinose stated: "It was simply a matter of timing and styles. Young fought a good fight and had a good night. Maybe Lyle, on another night, could win."

The scoring was decisively in Young's favor. The referee had it 49-42, based on the five-point scoring system; one judge had Young in front 48-43 and the third judge gave it to Young 50-44.

The loss, only the second in Lyle's four-

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"IT'S NEVER EASY TO LOSE"

By RON LYLE

AS TOLD TO MIKE HAYES

IT'S never easy to suffer a loss when you're a top 10 heavyweight contender, especially when you're just an inch away from a chance to fight for the heavyweight championship of the world. My recent loss to Jimmy Young was especially hard to take because it practically destroyed two years of rebuilding from the Jerry Quarry defeat.

Four years have gone by since I turned pro in April, 1971, and a lot of things have happened. Most of them have been good, such as my record (30-2-1); being honored by the World Boxing Association as its 1972 "Fighter of the Year;" and the many fine people I have met in the sport of boxing.

Ever since I took up boxing while in prison at the Colorado State Penitentiary (1965), the world championship has been on my mind. That's been my goal since I started, and will be until I get the opportunity to fight for it. Money is important, of course, but my main ambition has been to win the title and wear the crown proudly.

I only hope that now I have the chance to get a fight with Muhammad Ali, or whomever is champion at that time. I almost got it a few months ago, but Chuck Wepner was chosen instead and we had to proceed in other directions.

At first I was bitter and frustrated by Ali's decision to fight Wepner in Cleveland, but I soon realized that Ali was making the right choice because of his tough fights last year with Joe Frazier and George Foreman. I mean, how high can a fighter get psyched up after defeating perhaps two of the best heavyweights around now. Ali needed a "breather," and although Wepner has a good record, he is no serious threat to Ali.

After Ali chose Wepner, we knew we had to keep fighting. My last fight was against Al "Memphis" Jones in New Orleans and I won by a five-round knockout. It wasn't much of a workout, and I felt restless during the following four weeks waiting for Ali to make up his mind about his next opponent.

At least twice a year I like to go back to the prison in Canon City and train. The solitude down there plus the feeling of working in front of my friends enables me to concentrate on training much better than if I'm in Denver or New York. There are few distractions, and Cliff Mattax, the athletic director at the prison, knows how to work with me during the warmup stages of my training.

I went down there early in January, actually just to get back into serious training shape because we didn't have a fight scheduled. After 10 days, though, we were told of a pending fight with Oliver Wright, scheduled in Honolulu on February 4. I speeded up my training, only to find out the fight was off because of Wright's managerial problems. So, I slackened up a bit.

Ron Lyle with wife, Nadine and son, Monty, dejected over daddie's loss. Ron says, "Cheer up we're still going to make it!"

A short time later we learned that Morrie Jackson of Omaha was being considered as a replacement, but he refused the fight because of lack of time to prepare for it. Now we were only two weeks from the fight date. It was at this time that Young was substituted, and a few days later he asked for a week's extension to allow him more time to train. So, February 11 was set as the fight date.

My trainer, Chickie Ferrara, flew to Canon City, and we completed most of the sparring sessions. We flew to Honolulu eight days prior to the fight and finished the training there.

We had a good scouting report on Young, but the one thing that did throw us off was his great hand speed, and his quickness.

Everyone knows that I am primarily a

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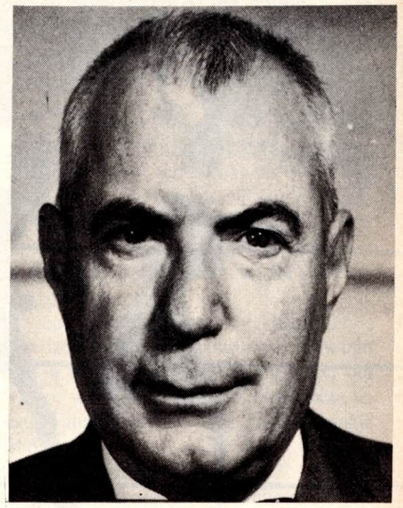
Tiger Flowers, Man of mystery.

TIGER FLOWERS STILL HAUNTS

MYSTERIOUS DEATH BOXING WORLD?

This remarkable "whodunnit" was written by Jimmy Jones, former Georgia sports editor, who did that fine book on Young Stribling. This drama eventually will be part of a book which Jones is writing.



James H. Jones, author of a new book on boxing which will include the strange case of Tiger Flowers.

By JIMMY JONES

FIGHT managers come in several shades—including shady—but several have stood out in my mind as being above average—men of color, intellect and something approaching character.

One of these was Lew Diamond, known as the "Honest Brakeman" because when he worked on the railroad, not a single boxcar went astray.

Another I liked and respected was Leo P. Flynn, known both as the "Silver Fox" and the "Carpetbagger." Leo put boxing on a mass production basis the likes of which never had been seen before.

His two meal tickets were big Bill Brennan, the trial horse heavy who gave Jack Dempsey a tough fight in his prime, and George Shade, a topnotch middleweight of the Harry Greb, Mickey Walker caliber.

Shade, a Pennsylvanian, had two fighting brothers, Dave and Billy, and he not only licked Walker at his peak but kayoed the talented Jimmy Slattery of Buffalo in three heats.

Flynn once had 37 boxers fighting on the same night and he and his henchmen would sit up until midnight, receiving calls from various seconds and handlers about the country. Then they would tally up the results and phone them in to the newspapers.

Flynn rode high for awhile until Bill Brennan, his main meal ticket, was shot down by a liquor-crazed gunman and Shade began to hit the nightspots. But to the last, Leo remained what he was at his best—a matchless host, raconteur and generous gentleman. His modern counterpart probably would be the late Frank Bachman who managed Maxey Rosenbloom for many years and two other world champions, Lew Jenkins and Bob Olin. Bachman was a sentimental gentleman who visited the graves of old fighters that he had once managed or managed against and placed flowers on them.

But the strangest, most gifted—and yet the most enigmatic boxing manager that I knew in nearly 30 years of sports writing was the late Walk Miller. A quiet, soft-spoken man until he was riled—and then he could be mercurial and raucous—Walk started out managing in Atlanta in the early 1920's where he had a small stable of fighters.

Miller didn't cut much of a figure in boxing circles until he accidentally stumbled across a stevedore in Brunswick, Georgia, a Negro middleweight named Theodore (Tiger) Flowers.

The latter was to become the first of his race ever to hold the world's middleweight title and both he and his manager were destined to die in a series of tragedies that shook the almost unshakeable fistic world, and which comprise to this day one of boxing's great unsolved mysteries.

Flowers, a humble, deeply religious man, was known as "The Georgia Deacon" because of his habit of carrying on his person at all times, in the ring and out, a miniature Bible which he read almost constantly. He contributed generously to his church in Atlanta and also to charities of all types and descriptions.

If ever there was a model and modest gentleman in the boxing business, it was Flowers. He was studiously polite and courteous to everyone, including his opponents, and so far as is known, did not have an enemy in a profession where enmity and even infamy, were common. His admirers included all races in a day when it was hard for even a good Negro fighter to get work. Guided by Miller, a former streetcar conductor who loved him like a brother, Flowers, the genial Georgia Deacon, rose to the very peak of the middleweight bracket in four years, earned a fortune for himself and his manager.

Yet at the very zenith of their fame, both the boxer and his manager met death amid circumstances that were certainly bizarre, if not questionable.

The obituary on Flowers shows that he died while on an operating table in a private New York hospital in November, 1927.

In September of 1928, Miller, his colorful manager and devoted guardian, was found sprawled across a cot in his Kingston, New York home. Two bullets had pierced his body. One had entered his left temple, the other his heart.

Miller was not left-handed but when his body was discovered, a pistol was found cradled in his left elbow—a circumstance that baffled the foremost detectives and crime experts of the day.

The operation on Flowers was a fairly simple one for the removal of some tissue that had formed as a result of old eye cuts.

Miller, who was a lone wolf with plenty of enemies among a trade where Flowers had only friends, immediately launched a charge that his fighter had died as the result of an overdose of ether.

He had an autopsy performed and appeared before the New York Boxing Commission with what he said was evidence that Flowers not only had been given too much ether but had been operated on after he was dead.

For these sensational accusations with accompanying overtones that Flowers, his meal ticket, was deliberately bumped off by forces hostile to him, Walk Miller was labeled "Squawk" Miller by unfriendly sports writers and virtually ostracised from the boxing profession although he continued to manage a few fighters until his death.

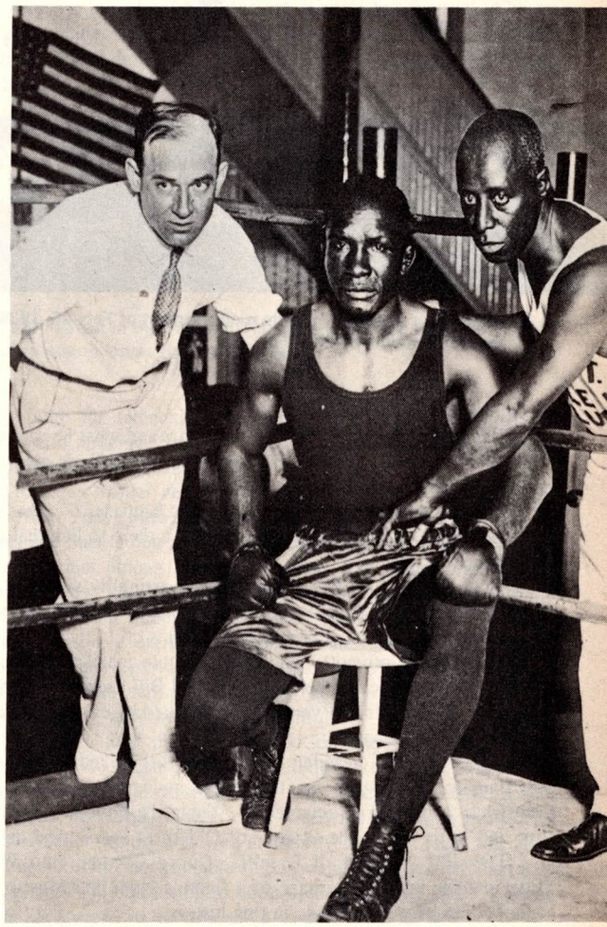
To this day, wherever the fight mob gathers, these questions are apt to be propounded by someone of those present: "What actually happened to Tiger Flowers?"

Did he die, as Miller charged, from an overdose of ether and did Miller, the white man who loved him like a brother, commit suicide? Or was he murdered by enemies?

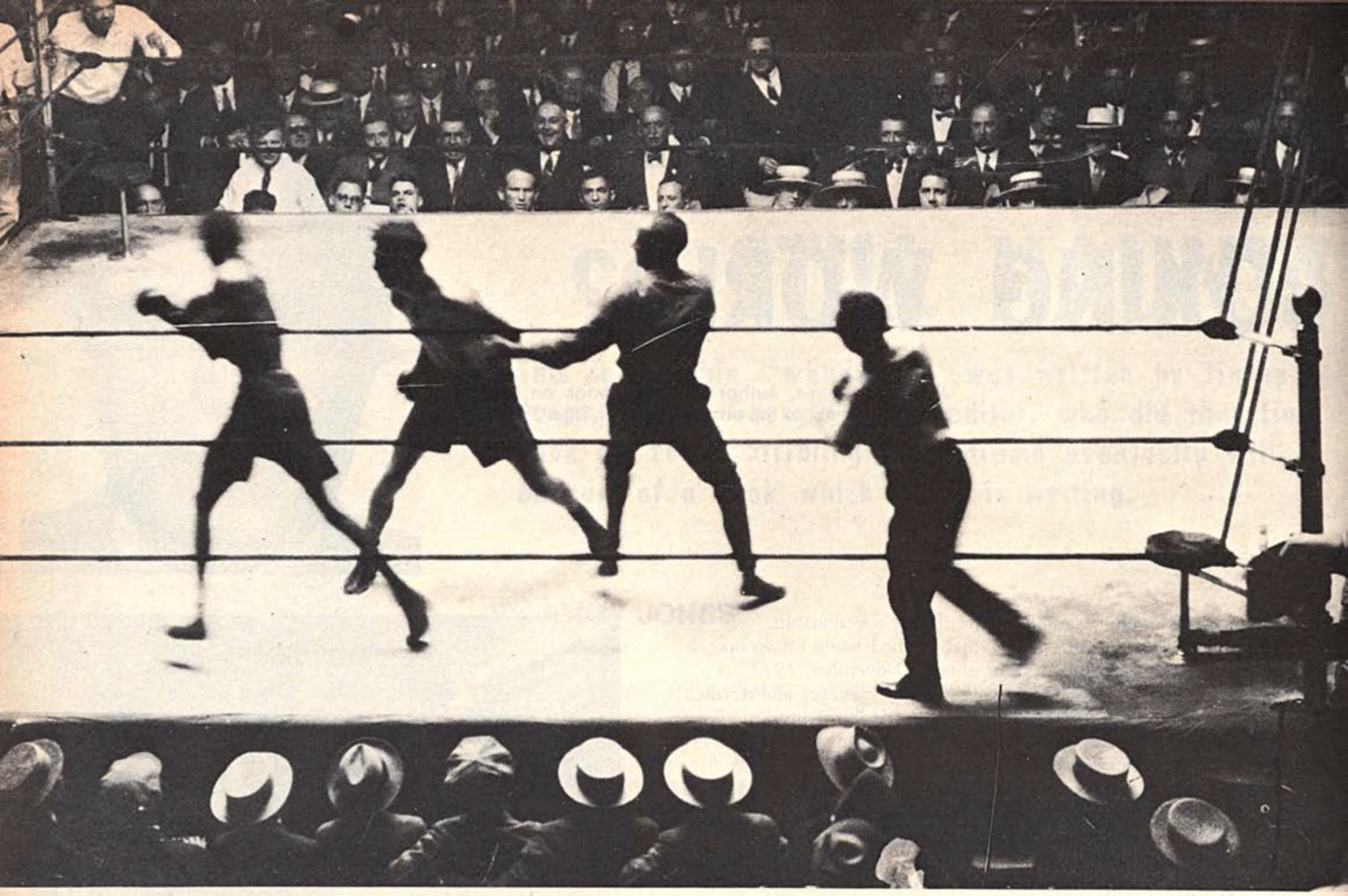
Here is the perfect setup for a mystery story that is stranger than fiction. But in order to pick up the threads of the plot, we have to go back to the gay post-war year of 1920. Miller, the onetime streetcar conductor, was operating a gymnasium on Atlanta's Decatur Street in the heart of the colored section. He specialized in handling Negro fighters—this in itself unusual for that time—and occasionally booked his boys on all-Negro shows about Georgia.

Ace of the Miller stable was a veteran, battle-marked heavyweight named Billy Hooper who was a sort of "policeman" for the gymnasium. When a young fighter got too fresh, Old Bill would step in and slap his ears down.

One day a letter came to Miller from Brunswick, Georgia. It seems there was a young Negro stevedore down there who was creating quite a bit of havoc along the waterfront with his fists. His admirers, both white and black, thought he had ability. Would Miller send Old Bill, the trial horse, down there and find out? Never



Left, Walk Miller, Flowers manager and his trainer, "Old Folks," in his corner as he trains for ill-fated fight with Mickey Walker on Dec. 3, 1926, which lost him his middleweight title and started a long train of physical ailments.



A big night for Flowers! Here he is on the night of Feb. 26, 1926, on his way to pounding out a 15 round decision over the famous Harry Greb for the world middleweight title.

one to overlook talent, Miller did.

For the sake of brevity, Old Bill went, saw and what he saw was a-plenty. The next day, the veteran staggered into Miller's gym, his face looking like a tenderloin out for a walk.

"Why Bill, what in the name of goodness happened?" asked the astonished Miller. "I thought I sent you down there to lick that cotton walloper."

"Mistah Walk," Old Bill replied through painfully swollen lips, "I trims 'im all right if he'd been human. . .But the man you sent me atter ain't no human. 'E's a tigah. . . .tha's all, a tigah. . . ."

Miller, ever the promoter, suggested a return match between the two so that Old Bill could get even. But Old Bill had had enough.

"Ef it's all the same to you, Mistah Walk, Ise jes' as even as I wants ter be," he moaned in reply.

That was enough for Miller. When Old Bill balked at battle, it was time to investigate. So that night he caught a rattler for Brunswick, and when he returned to Atlanta, he brought with him, alive and in the flesh, the "tiger" of Old Bill's fears. And that is how Theodore Flowers of Camilla, Georgia, came into Walk Miller's stable and into heritage of a fighting name that was to become famous as well as tragic in ring history.

From the day he acquired Flowers' name on a contract, Miller's own fortunes took a turn for the better. For the first time since Old Jack Johnson, who was born in Galveston, Texas, the South had produced a Negro fighter who was destined to become a world champion.

Prior to landing the Tiger, Miller had been only a small fry promoter and manager; and he and Flowers faced an additional handicap in that, excepting for El Paso and one or two other border cities in Texas, mixed bouts were strictly verboten all over Dixie.

Besides, at Macon, a scant hundred miles away, there resided a pompadoured high school boy named Bill Stribling who had just attained national prominence by fighting a widely heralded draw with the world's light heavyweight champion, the veteran and crafty Mike McTigue at Columbus, Georgia.

With all the populace in the Cracker State and well beyond its environs excited over Young Stribling, the 18-year-old boy wonder, the time seemed most unpropitious for breaking in a colored fighter in the Deep South.

But Tiger Flowers was no ordinary colored man and certainly no ordinary fighter. His marked humility, ultra-politeness, ingratiating manners and, far from least, his genuine religious nature began winning him friends from every racial category.

Everywhere Flowers went, he carried with him his Bible which his mother had given him, and the Tiger delighted in quoting to hardboiled sports editors passages of scripture from Genesis to Revelations. Like Stonewall Jackson, he unhesitatingly ascribed every iota of his success to his Maker.

So the sports writers began calling him "The Georgia Deacon," which was a somewhat anomalous contrast to that of "Tiger" but the title seemed to fit its wearer perfectly nevertheless.

Moreover, Flowers could fight. Once in action, his easy amiability disappeared completely and he became the personification of Old Bill's nightmarish description. A southpaw by accident (a broken right arm had caused him to change his fighting style from orthodox to unorthodox, one of the few times a fighter has done this successfully), Flowers was lightning fast and threw a lot of leather. Another of his numerous titles was "The Human Buzz Saw."

While only a black diamond in the rough at this stage of his career, Flowers was not exactly a novice. During World War I, he had worked in the Philadelphia shipyards, where he had fought a few bouts and attracted the attention of Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, former world's light heavyweight champion, who had also given

him a few pointers.

Miller and Flowers hit it off from the beginning in what was, perhaps, the most beautiful friendship that ever existed between white man and black. It took Miller only a few glimpses of Flowers in action to convince him that he had a great "find," even if his skin wasn't quite the ideal pigmentation for a Deep South boxer of that era.

Gradually, Miller began to bring in "name" opponents for the Tiger. Fortunately for him, there were some excellent Negro middle and light heavies in that day. Veteran battlers of his own race like Kid Norfolk, Lee Anderson, Jamaica Kid and even half-blind old Sam Langford, were imported as opponents.

Although Norfolk, Langford and Jamaica Kid flattened him, the "Tiger" put up such pleasing, aggressive performances that the crowds kept coming back to see him.

These, strange to say, included many whites who had never gone to colored bouts before.

Old Bill was the Tiger's tutor and he was heart-broken when Sam Langford knocked him out. Billy had warned the Tiger of Old Tham's mighty one-two—and how to beat it. Just before he went into the ring, Old Bill went over the ground thoroughly, realizing that a victory over Langford, even in that day and age, meant something.

"'Member dis, Tigah. Ole Sam am fat an' blin' and slower 'n cole 'lasses. But boy, if he whams yuh up 'long side de haid wif dat lef' hook er his'n, yuh comin' outer dere feet foremos'. Now lissen whut I tells yuh. W'en old Sam tho's dat lef hook ter de belly he grunts like dis—'uh'! And w'en he shif's to de haid, he goes 'huh'. Now Ole Sam don' see very well and w'en he misses, he goes 'uh-huh', like that. An' w'en he does that, yuh steps in and whops 'im. Yuh unnerstan?"

The Tiger thought he did. The younger Negro stepped out and for the first two rounds, gave Old Sam a boxing lesson, setting him up and stabbing his blind old eyes blinder. In the third, the Tiger decided to open up and started a vicious right. Old Sam countered with the left hook and missed. The Tiger stepped in for the kill. Just as he did so, there came a warning screech from Old Bill in the corner.

"Look out, for de 'huh', Tigah," he yelled.

But the warning came too late. Old Sam, calling on some innate source of sagacity, had brought his 'huh', which was his meaty left hand, flush against the Tiger's chin. And true to Old Bill's prediction, they had carted him out feet first.

"I heard the 'uh' but not the 'huh'," Flowers explained to a melancholy Old Bill after they had brought him to the dressing room.

Flowers learned from this and other experiences. Under Miller's clever handling, he began improving tremendously. Although mixed bouts were forbidden in Georgia, Miller took the Tiger out to El Paso and Juarez, Mexico, where they were not. And there he added to his fame by beating the original Gorilla Jones, Frankie Carbone and Andy Kid Palmer.

Although Panama Joe Gans stopped him late in 1923, Flowers, at the end of that year, was considered ready for an invasion of the bigtime by Miller.

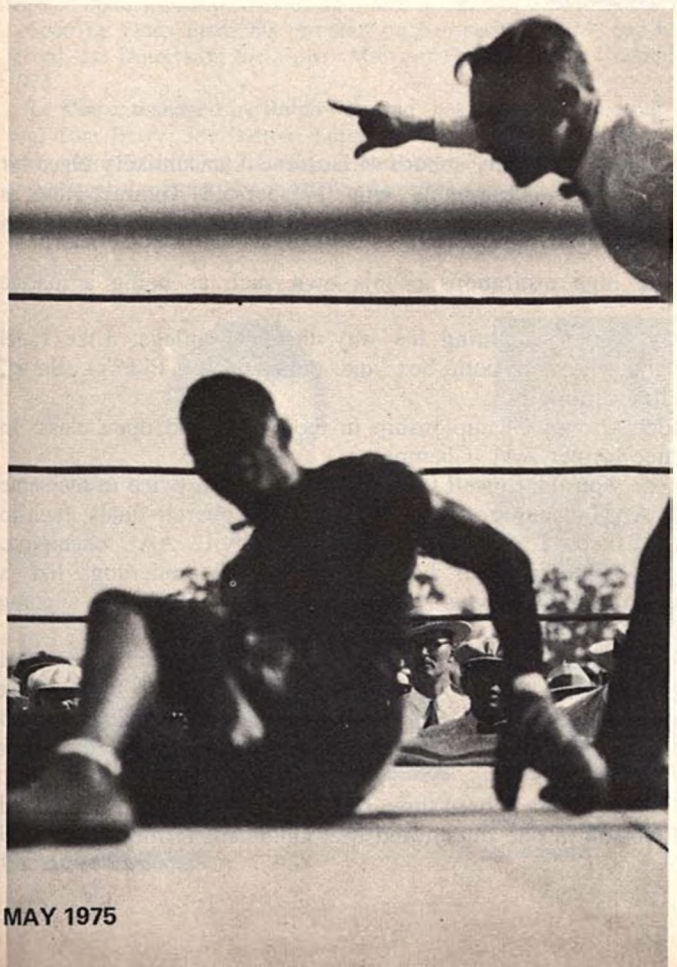
Already, miracle of miracles, the battling black man had become a greater favorite in Atlanta than Stribling, whose fame had spread nationwide, whereas that of Flowers was still confined to the South.

But Miller was planning an ambitious program for his ward. In the fall of 1924, he accepted a non-title fight with Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh, then middleweight champion, in Fremont, Ohio.

The result was a newspaper decision for Flowers. And the Georgia Deacon was made.

The fight with Greb really launched Flowers nationally. At that time, anyone who conducted himself at all respectably through ten

One of the few times Flowers was down during his pro career. The year was 1927, his last in the ring, and Tiger defeated Eddie Huffman in the Boston bout despite tasting the canvas in the second round. It was obvious that he was no longer the Tiger of old.



heats with the talented Greb, called the "Pittsburgh Windmill," was worth noticing. So the boxing writers in the east began taking cognizance of the black man from the South.

The canny Miller decided that the time was now ripe for invading New York. Flowers' reputation as the first Negro since Joe Gans and Jack Johnson to reach fistic eminence in the South had preceded him among his race brethren. And Miller craftily chose Harlem, New York's teeming black belt, as the point of invasion.

Flowers' first opponent in the east was to be no setup, either. Lee Anderson, a durable trial horse of the time and who had flattened the Tiger early in his career was the man selected. Anderson, another warlike son of Ham, also had kayoed Kid Norfolk and fought a draw with the durable Langford.

The match took place in the old Commonwealth Club. It went the limit of 10 rounds, the Tiger getting the decision, hands down. This victory, while of second rate importance in the fistic scheme of things, launched Flowers on a whirlwind campaign in the East. Victory after victory followed and pretty soon the Tiger was cleaning up most of the available middles and light heavies, taking on all comers and continuing to put up pleasing fights and win friends with his ferocity in the ring and his humility out of it.

Still reading his Bible whenever opportunity offered and attending church regularly, the "Fighting Deacon" became first rate copy around New York City. He was like a refreshing sou'easter, blowing through the humid catacombs of a sport that had been dominated largely by Caucasians since the popular Gans died and Jack Johnson's stormy reign as heavyweight champion had finally ended with no credit to him or his race.

Meanwhile, Miller had shifted his base of operations uptown nearer the center of things, taking offices near the old Madison Square Garden where the Tiger was now a big drawing card.

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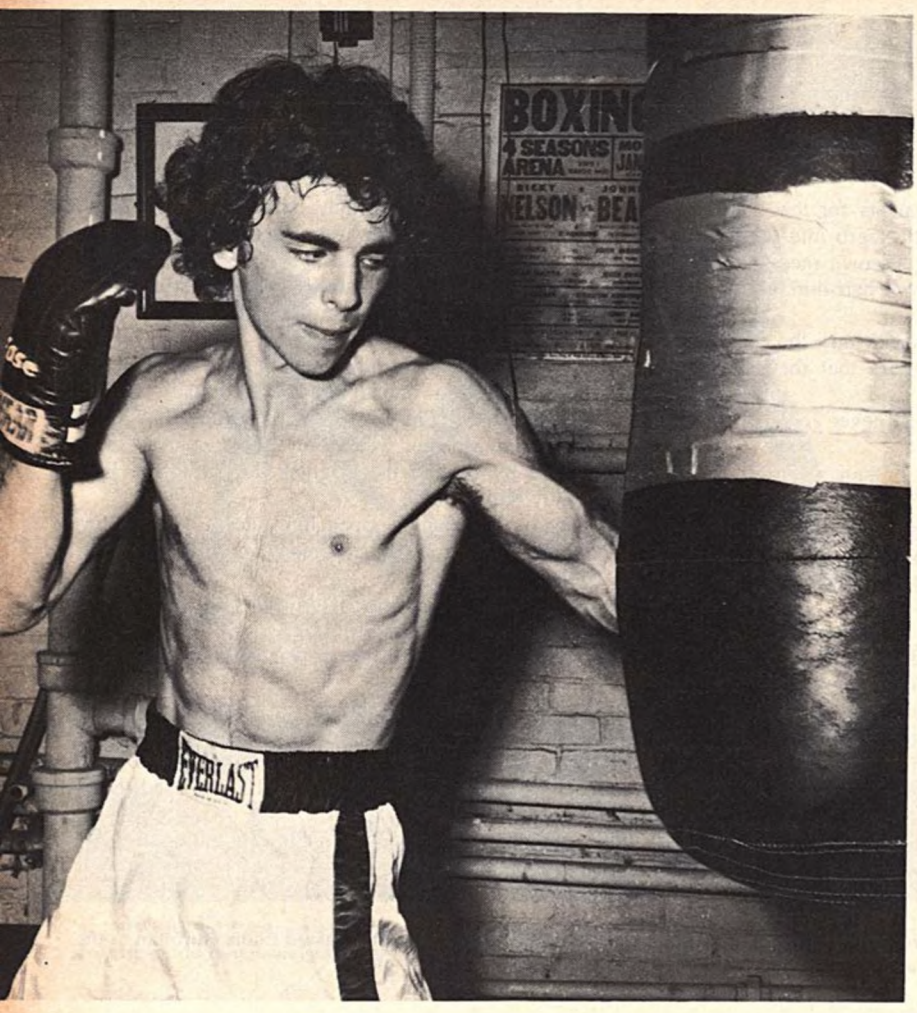

TOMMY ROSE

Another

Fidel LaBarba

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Up and coming Tommy Rose, a student at St. Francis College in Maine, living in a suburb of Boston, was a Golden Gloves champ and is undefeated as a professional.

By DON DRAKE

THE AFFLUENT Sherborn-Dover area, a wealthy suburb of Boston, is an unlikely place for a professional prizefighter to grow, which is probably why 17-year-old Tommy Rose is somewhat of a curiosity in a locality where most of the teen-agers are thinking of careers less bloody than Rose's.

Not that Rose doesn't have some high aspirations of his own such as being a marine biologist.

Like Fidel LaBarba did, Tommy Rose is fighting his way through college. Like Fidel LaBarba, Tommy is a featherweight who can both box and punch. Like Fidel LaBarba, Tommy Rose won amateur titles before turning pro.

Rose won the 1974 Lowell Golden Gloves Championship in the 118-pound open class. In winning the title he had to defeat three former AAU Champions.

In his 17th AAU fight Tommy Rose won the Lowell Gloves, not once, but twice in the same night. Rose defeated the 1971 N.E. AAU champion Pete Cappola in the quarter-finals, then in the semi-finals, boxing his 16th AAU bout. Tommy fought three-times N.E. AAU champion, Lou Auclair, who was boxing his 208th amateur bout. Rose, a 4-1 underdog, like a well-directed orchestra, played a symphony of mayhem on Auclair's face and body, winning every round.

In the finals, Tommy won the title by default when the New England AAU champion, Al Lesile, another veteran refused to face him. The AAU awarded the championship to Rose but the Lowell Sun, who ran the Lowell Golden Gloves forced Tommy to fight Luther Lucas of Lowell and defend the title he won an hour previously. Rose scored an easy victory over Lucas.

In his last three amateur fights, Tommy Rose scored three outstanding victories. He knocked out two southpaws, Jim McNeil of Boston in one round, and Mel Coleman, former N.E. AAU champion, in two.

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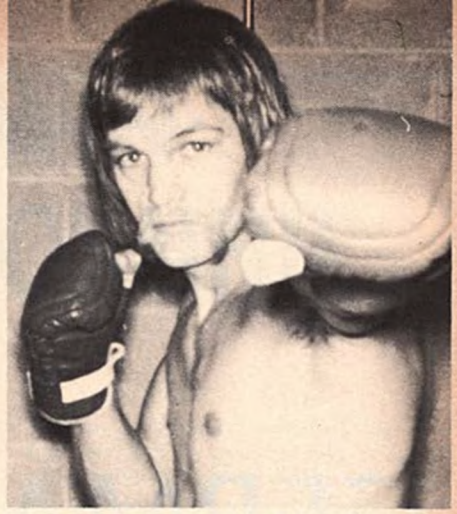
Chuck Mitch, St. Paul junior welterweight, of the rough, tough school.

Minneapolis heavyweight Fred Askew, who has had 21 pro fights and is the most experienced of the crop.



George Anderson, St. Paul junior welterweight, who stands out as a top Twin City prospect.

TALENT IN TWIN CITIES

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

ST PAUL, MINN. — The fistic future of the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis appear to be the best it has seen in a long time because of six young men who are learning to handle themselves quite well in the sometime violent world of professional boxing.

Of the six, three are from St. Paul. George Anderson, a junior welterweight; Gary Holmgren, welterweight; and Chuck Mitch, a junior welterweight. The three from Minneapolis are heavyweight Scott Le Doux; middleweight Doug Demmings; and heavyweight Fred Askew, who has been around the longest of any.

In years past, St. Paul and Minneapolis produced some of the best known as well as best talented boxers as any cities of their size in the world. But that is a story all in itself.

Scott Le Doux made his pro start on February 4, 1974, and has thus far posted a 10-0-0 record. Le Doux won the Upper Midwest Golden Glove Championship twice, in 1968 and 1973.

Le Doux, managed by Ralph Peterson, has so far knocked out Ron Draper, John L. Johnson, Tom Berry, Joe Batton, Larry Pennigar, Reggie Fleming, Floyd Cox and Arthur Pullens, while decisioning Lou Rogan and Steve Patterson.

Although Le Doux is not a fancy boxer he can handle the chore if need be, but he depends most on his big right hand punch. Le Doux wants to fight Rodney or Duane Bobick in the near future, and at the rate Le Doux is progressing, a match with either Bobick would be big drawing fights.

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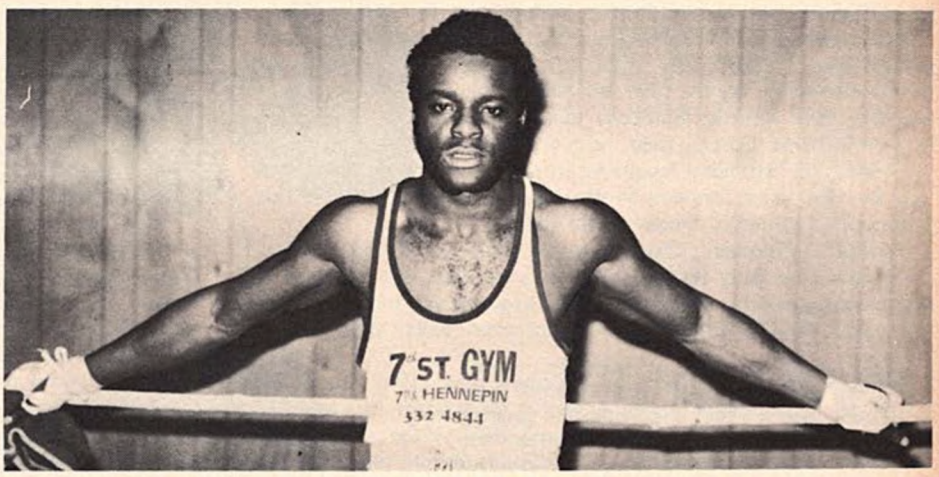
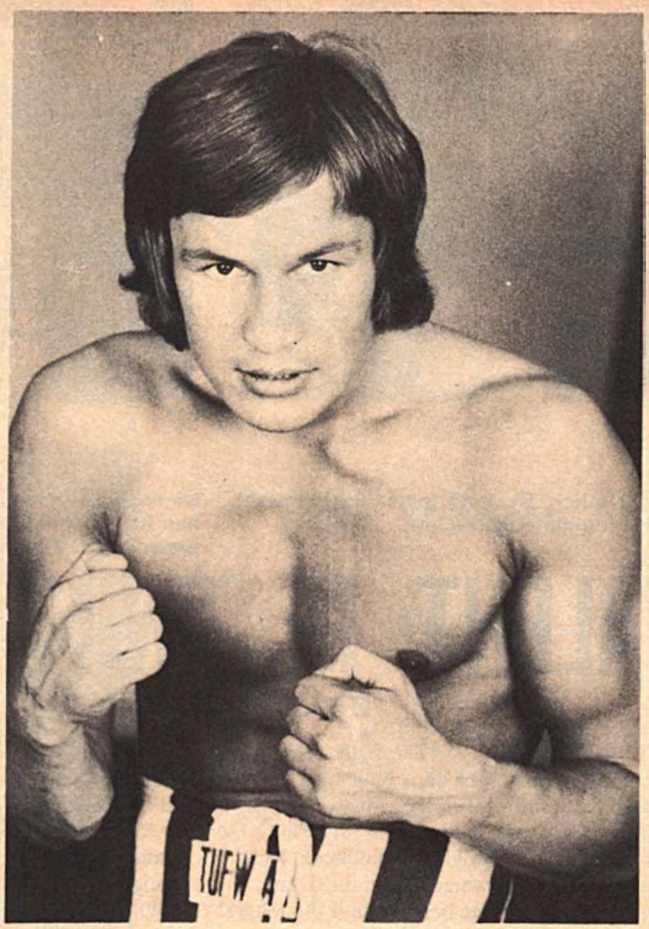
St. Paul's Gary Holmgren, a welterweight, who turned to the pro ranks in 1974 after a most successful amateur career.

Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis heavyweight, who can box or slug.



Middleweight Doug Demmings from Minneapolis, who has been having difficulty getting opponents.

Eckard Dagge, who is aiming for a shot at the world middleweight title.



GERMANY PRIMING DAGGE

By JACK A. TREE

BERLIN, GERMANY — Germany's most recent world champion was Max Schmeling who won the heavyweight crown forty-four years ago. He won the title on a foul from Jack Sharkey in 1930 and lost it in a return in 1932 after reigning for seven hundred and forty days and making one successful defense against Young Stribling in 1931. Since then only two Germans have been fortunate, or good enough, to challenge the champions of their divisions.

The first was Gustav Scholz who faced light heavyweight champion Harold Johnson in Berlin on June 23, 1962, losing on points.

Karl Mildenberger then met heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali in Frankfort on September 10th, 1966, losing in round twelve.

Now within a year of turning professional, Eckhard Dagge could succeed where Scholz and Mildenberger failed and win a world title for Germany. By the time this edition is on sale, Dagge probably will have won the European junior middleweight crown held by Spaniard Jose Duran. Then, of course, Dagge's eyes will be on the world title, probably laughable to most knowing that the German has had only fourteen professional bouts. But for me this 26-year-old German is already world class.

Outside of Germany, Dagge's recent three round win over ex-world champion Billy Backus, came as a surprise. But everyone in this country knew he would win, and also know that manager, Fritz Gretzschel has in his stable a fighter even better than Gustav Scholz.

Eckhard Dagge was born on February 27th, 1948, in Probsteierhagen in Schleswig Holstein, was as an amateur, runner-up in the German championships in 1971 and 1972 in the welterweight and junior middleweight class. He fought for Berlin nine times. Of 80 amateur bouts he won 66, drew 4 and lost 10. His professional career started on a Friday evening, March 2, 1973, in Berlin's Deutschlandhalle, the night Dagge faced fellow German, Hans Heukeshoven. It was all over in 2:80 of the opening round.

After his second visit to the canvas, Heukeshoven's cornermen threw in the towel. A month later, Dagge faced Ferzi Ispir, a Germany based Turk, at Lubeck and he also failed to finish the first round, lasting only fifty-five seconds. The German's next outing was against Clere Surinam, who was also kayoed in round one.

Now the public was demanding more for their money and calling for stronger opposition to be imported for Dagge.

The German had had harder bouts as an amateur and received the usual silver cup or medal as a reward. Now as a professional he was knocking guys cold in less than one round and getting paid for it. Fritz Gretzschel, promoter, and Dagge's manager, sent for the experienced Anton Schnedl, from Austria, who perhaps had lost a little of his high color but was still a stiff test for the German greenhorn.

Unfortunately Schnedl got a four centimetre cut left eyebrow and the fight was stopped in the fourth. Italian Antonio Rimasti, then faced Dagge at Wiesbaden on May 11th but he ran into a right and was knocked out in the first.

With only five paid bouts Dagge then challenged German middleweight champion, Peter Tombers and the fight took place in the Waldbuhne Stadium in Berlin on June 3rd. After taking several counts, the 33-year-old Tombers was kayoed in frame five. It was the first show in this open air stadium for twenty years and a crowd of five thousand attended.

Dagge would probably like to forget his next battle. He met a guy named Schaco Mamba from Ghana, and although he finally kayoed him in round eight, Dagge had a very rough time. He forgot his boxing and mixed it and in doing so collected a cut right eye and bled from the nose and mouth.

On September 28th, Dagge climbed in the ring with veteran Matt

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JOHNNY BALDWIN MAD MAN MAD JOHNNIE

By HOWARD WHITE

A MOST important hook-up in the boxing world has just been achieved. The signing of a contract between a person from the southwest and a person from the midwest may bring up on the frontier of boxing another strong change for the middleweight championship of the world. Personally involved in the hook-up we mentioned, is Johnnie Baldwin from Houston, Texas, who sports a 29-0 record as a professional fighter; and one of the most successful and young managers in boxing in the country today, Hank Grooms, from the midwest, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Grooms, in his six years of pro boxing, has established one of the strongest professional stables in the country, and he now has under his wing, seven productive and talented young prospects. Johnnie Baldwin has become one of that seven.

Grooms has a talented boxer who has just fought for the light heavyweight championship of the world, Len Hutchins. When you have an opportunity to talk with both parties in this hook-up, Len Hutchins and Johnnie Baldwin, it is very clear that both of these gentlemen are satisfied to join forces.

Baldwin, who is sincerely interested in obtaining the championship of the world, feels that the hard working Grooms will attempt in every way to move him toward a title shot and will with all sincerity look after his boxing career. Baldwin has fought mostly in the southwest and the south, and has carved quite a name for himself in the boxing game. As most of the managers and trainers know around the country, to utter the word Baldwin on the telephone to an opposing manager means only a turn down for a fight because of the fear that strikes home in his heart that his fighter could be defeated by this opposing young, talented gladiator. Therefore getting work has been tremendously hard for this talented fighter.

Talking to Baldwin, he only states that he wants an opportunity to fight and that he is willing to fight anybody in the world in the middleweight division. I am sure that most managers around the country will be getting a call from Hank Grooms attempting to prove that Baldwin is as talented as his records indicate. When Baldwin is boxing in Houston, he steers a lot of excitement among the Houston populace showing that he is a very popular young man in his home city.

Due to the fact that Baldwin is a South Paul, he is not discouraged about his professional career continuing. He is very confident after viewing the successful careers of Bill Backus, a South Paul, Chuck Davey, a South Paul, as well as Kenny Lane, also a South Paul.

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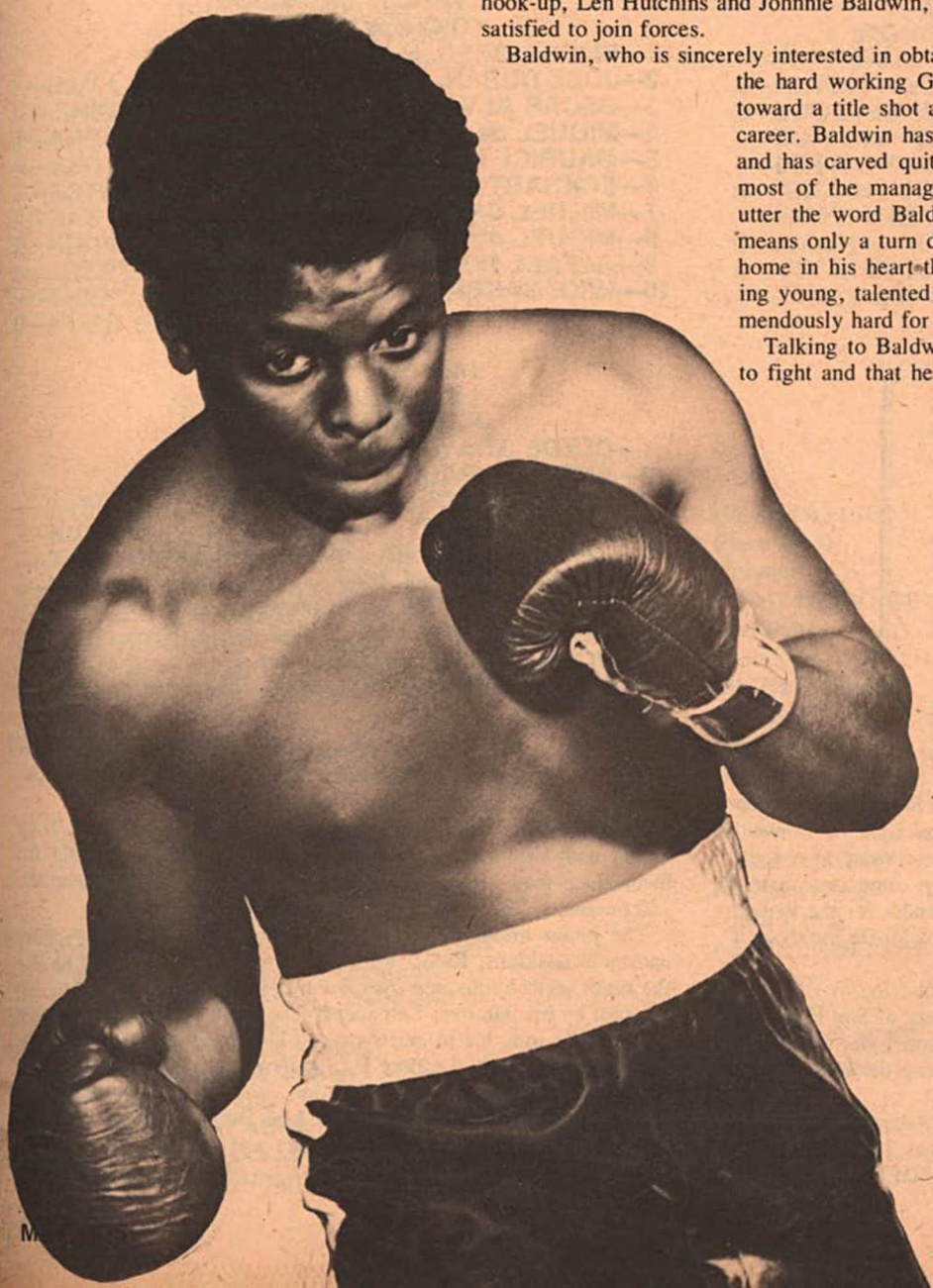

Johnny Baldwin hails from down Texas way. One of Hank Grooms' new up and coming middleweights with a very impressive record. Mad Man Mad Johnny Baldwin is a man to reckon with.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY), Chicago, Ill.
1—GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.
2—JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—JOE BUGNER, England
4—KEN NORTON, San Diego, Calif.
5—JERRY QUARRY, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—OSCAR BONAVENA, Argentina
7—JIMMY YOUNG, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—RON LYLE, Denver, Colo.
9—CHUCK WEPNER, Bayonne, N.J.
10—BUNNY JOHNSON, England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—JOHN CONTEH, England
2—VICTOR GALINDEZ, Argentina
3—LEN HUTCHINS, Detroit, Mich.
4—JORGE AHUMADA, Argentina
5—ALVARO LOPEZ, Stockton, Calif.
6—RICHIE KATES, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—PIERRE FOURIE, South Africa
8—STEVE ACZEL, Australia
9—TOM BETHEA, New York, N.Y.
10—AVENAMAR PERALTA, Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ, Colombia
2—TONY LICATA, New Orleans, La.
3—VITO ANTUOFERMO, Brooklyn, N.Y.
4—GRATIEN TONNA, France
5—KEVIN FINNEGAN, England
6—GEORGE COOPER, Oakland, Calif.
7—BOBBY WATTS, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—RUDY ROBLES, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N.Y.
10—MAX COHEN, France

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KOICHI WAJIMA, Japan
1—ELISHA OBED, Nassau, Bahamas
2—JOSE DURAN, Spain
3—OSCAR ALVARADO, Uvalde, Texas
4—MIGUEL de OLIVIERA, Brazil
5—MAURICE HOPE, England
6—ECKHART DAGGE, Germany
7—MIGUEL CASTELLINI, Argentina
8—MIGUEL ANGEL CAMPANINO, Argentina
9—RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, Minneapolis, Minn.
10—MIKE BAKER, Spartanburg, S.C.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—CLYDE GRAY, Canada
2—ANGEL ESPADA, Puerto Rico
3—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ, Dominican Rep.
4—JOHN STRACEY, England
5—ARMANDO MUNIZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—BRUNO ARCARI, Italy
7—ROCKY MATTIOLO, Australia
8—ALFONSO HAYMAN, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—JOHNNY GANT, Washington, D.C.
10—HEDGEMON LEWIS, Detroit, Mich.

JIMMY YOUNG FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

NOMINATING the Fighter of the Month for this issue of The Ring was an easy task with a little known heavyweight from Philadelphia, Pa., Jimmy Young zooming into prominence with a 10 round decision over the highly ranked Ron Lyle of Denver, Colorado. A runner up for the monthly honors went to a light heavyweight, from Australia, Steve Aczel, who came in as a last minute substitute for Chris Finnegan as a contender for the British light heavyweight title and won that crown from Maxie Smith with a devastating three round knockout.

Jimmy Young moved into the heavyweight division in 7th place among the top ten heavyweights and Henry Clark of San Francisco dropped out of the ratings to make place for him. Lyle, as a result of his defeat by Young dropped to eighth among the heavyweight elite.

Among the light heavyweights Domenico Adinolfi, Italy, has been dropped due to his loss to Willie Taylor, as has Maxie Smith whose loss in his only fight this year has lost him his perch in the top ten. Steve Aczel, his victor, takes his place in the eighth spot. In tenth is a new face, Avenamar Peralta, of Argentina, whose three straight wins in 1975 gained him his position.

Although there was some action among the middleweights, Tony Licata and Vito Antuofermo, their winning efforts did little for them since they already hold the two and three spots among the 160 pounders. There was little other action in the class.

The junior middleweight class receives two new faces in ninth and tenth positions, Rafael Rodriguez, of Minneapolis, who gained the ninth berth by his win over Denny Moyer and Mike Baker, the ten spot by his win over Leo Saenz. They replaced Charkey Ramon of Australia, out due to inactivity and Donato Paduano, of Canada, for the same reason. Leading jr. middleweight, Oscar Alvarado, of Texas, falls to third, lack of action, and second ranked Elisha Obed, of Nassau, and third ranked Jose Duran, of Spain, climbed over Oscar due to their winning ways and are now rated second

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RATING FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 15, 1975

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS, Puerto Rico
2—HECTOR THOMPSON, Australia
3—MONROE BROOKS, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—TONY PETRONELLI, Taunton, Mass.
5—PEDRO FERNANDEZ, Spain
6—TONI ORTIZ, Spain
7—EMILIANO VILLA, Colombia
8—LEONCIO ORTIZ, Mexico
9—BROOKS BYRD, Clovis, N.M.
10—MIGUEL BARRETO, Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1—RAY LAMPKIN, Portland, Ore.
2—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI, Japan
3—ANGEL MAYORAL, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland
5—ARTURO PINEDA, Mexico
6—RAY LUNNY III, San Francisco, Calif.
7—HUGO BARRAZA, Colombia
8—JOSE LUIS LOPEZ, Mexico
9—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN, Thailand
10—HUGO GUTIERREZ, Argentina

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1—SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN, Norway
2—KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan
3—TYRONE EVERETT, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—VICTOR ECHEGARAY, Argentina
5—SAMUEL SERRANO, Puerto Rico
6—LOTHAR ABEND, Germany
7—JEAN BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE, France
8—MARIO ROMAN, Mexico
9—APOLLO YOSHIO, Japan
10—PEDRO AGUERO, Argentina

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—BOBBY CHACON, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—ALEXIS ARGUELLO, Nicaragua
3—LIONEL HERNANDEZ, Venezuela
4—ART HAFEY, Canada
5—RUBEN OLIVARES, Mexico
6—SHIG FUKUYAMA, Japan
7—ELIO COTINA, Italy
8—ROYAL KOBAYASHI, Japan
9—EDER JOFRE, Brazil
10—JOSE CASAS, Argentina

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SOO HWAN HONG, Korea
1—RODOLFO MARTINEZ, Mexico
2—BENICIO SOSA, Argentina
3—ROMEO ANAYA, Mexico
4—RODOLFO HERRERA, Mexico
5—ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
6—ALFONSO ZAMORA, Mexico
7—DAVID NEEDHAM, England
8—JOE GUEVARA, Sacramento, Calif.
9—DAVID VASQUEZ, New York, N.Y.
10—PAUL FERRERI, Australia

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MIGUEL CANTO, Merida, Mexico
1—THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI, Thailand
2—BETULIO GONZALEZ, Venezuela
3—SHOJI OGUMA, Japan
4—SUSUMU HANAGATA, Japan
5—ERBITO SALVARRIA, Thailand
6—IGNACIO ESPINOZA, Dominican Rep.
7—FRITZ CHERVET, Switzerland
8—VICENTE POOL, Mexico
9—CECIL ESCOBIDO, Philippines
10—PABLO JIMINEZ, Dominican Rep.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Name	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Bjorn Rudi Norway	5/73	8	8	0	0	2
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Ned Hallacy Wichita, Kansas	8/74	9	9	0	0	6
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Billy Bell New Zealand	7/70	23	18	2	3	7
WELTERWEIGHT						
Giovani Molesini Italy	11/72	20	20	0	0	5
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Nkogana Mgxaji South Africa	2/73	14	13	1	0	3
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Eladio Leal Miami, Fla.	1/73	11	7	2	2	1
BANTAMWEIGHT						
George Turpin England	5/73	6	6	0	0	4
FLYWEIGHT						
Carlos Zarate Mexico	8/73	19	19	0	0	16

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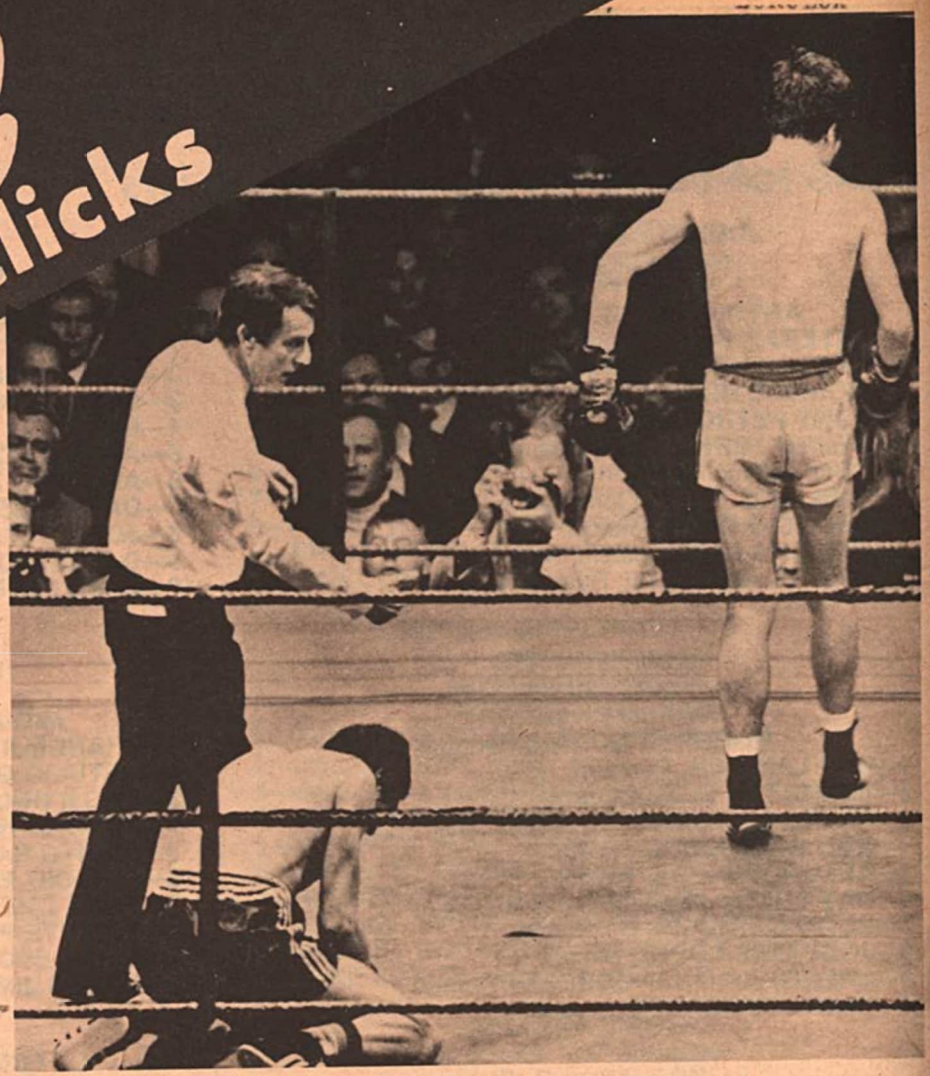
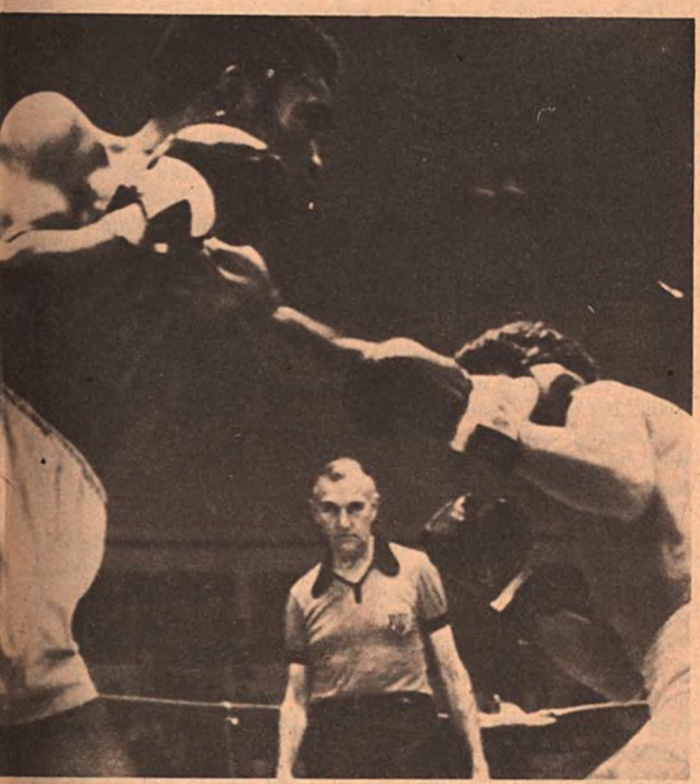


Jose Duran, right, of Spain retains his junior middleweight title in Vienna's Stadthalle via a 15 round unanimous decision over Austria's Franz Csandl. The highlight of the bout came in the 14th round, when Csandl was floored for an eight count.

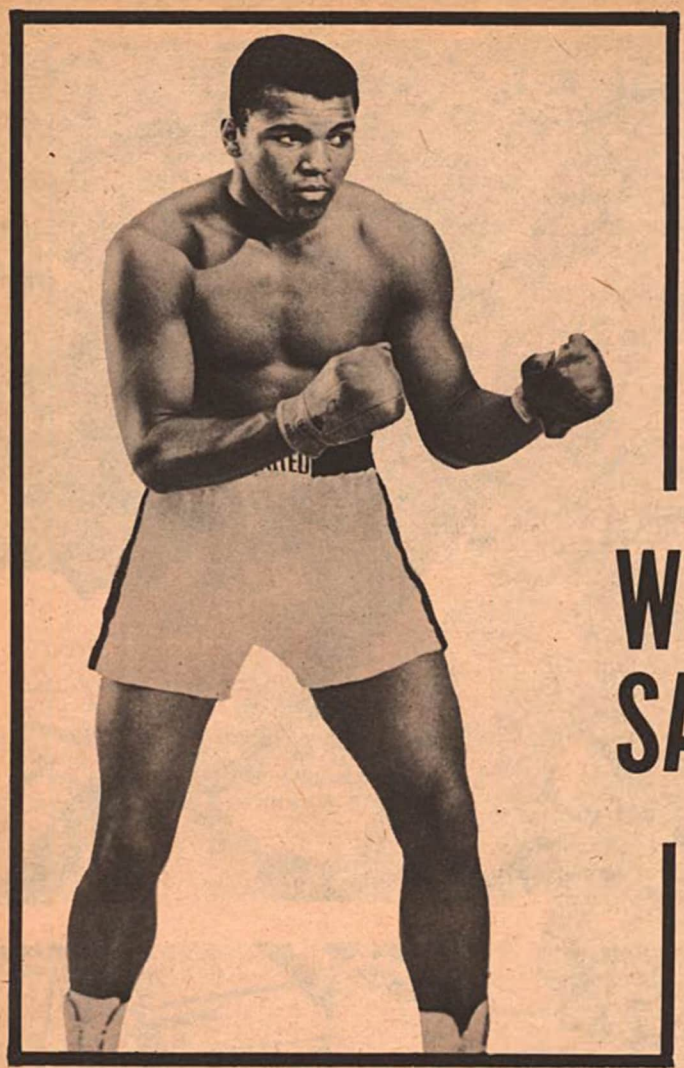
Left to right, Max Kase of the Sports Lodge #1840 B'nrith dinner held at the Roosevelt Hotel. President Chet Gusick, Tommy Morengo, Brooklyn, former boxer and Sam Taub, who was honored with the first Max Kase award. Ray Arcel, famous trainer of champions, seen far right.

Left, Ray Lampkin, U. S. champion, takes a right to the head from Mike Mayon (right) of San Diego. Lampkin won the 10-rounder and subsequent knockout over Al Foster clinched shot at Roberto Duran's lightweight title in Panama.



Venezuelan Niliberto Herrera (left) lands a left to Brazilian Eder Jofre, ex bantamweight and featherweight champ. Eder won bout Jan. 21, 1975 on points.

Jose Napoles, right, world welterweight champ, throws a playful punch at admirer, as sanitation man looks on. Napoles is considered by experts, pound for pound, one of the best fighters in the world.



Above: Muhammad Ali, who has continually threatened to quit but who goes on like good old wine. Below: Fred Apostoli, a truly great middleweight, whose entire career changed in one fight, that with Ceferino Garcia.

By LESTER BROMBERG

THE SHOCK of Muhammad Ali coming back to life vividly, commandingly and skillfully against George Foreman still hasn't fully spelled out its message. Like a ripple being spread across a quiet pond, it is only being understood with the passage of time.

In other words, the mystery of how he did it at 32 is beginning to percolate through. And, conversely, his ability to defy all laws of so-called boxing logic continues to taunt the observer's mind. It also raises the questions: how much further can he go? What is he going to do for an encore?

But Ali really has gone to the heart of the matter. He has raised anew the fascinating topic: when do fighters go?

Without attempting to make a final decision, one is led to believe that the best conclusion is given by time in its own way.

Looking carefully to what once were the fight game's secrets, you thus discover why so and so did such and such and why it wound up so and so.

WHEN DO FIGHTERS SAY FAREWELL

For example, there has to be the easy cases. Looking at the current case of Emile Griffith, finished more or less at 35 (or is he going on 38?), after 16 years of campaigning. He's no puzzle.

The fighter who was a happy honcho against Bennie Briscoe and then a sad sack against Vito Antuofermo tells a simple story. The magnificent body which stood up through a record 25 times in Madison Square Garden events (and 100 fights) just lost its old rhythm finally.

He awoke this morning of Nov. 22, 1974, and when five rounds went by in a 10-round bout, nothing happened when he called on his reserve. It went kaput, good-bye. He didn't have it. He just was shot. He probably will have another rise in a falling market somewhere sometime but so far as Emile Griffith is concerned, forget it. There's no way he can make it again.

Most fighters have a perceptible reason for their decline. With some, it is more dramatic than others.

Take the impeccably perfect Sugar Ray Robinson, whose record spreads itself across nearly two complete pages of The Ring Record Book, 202 bouts, 1940-1965.

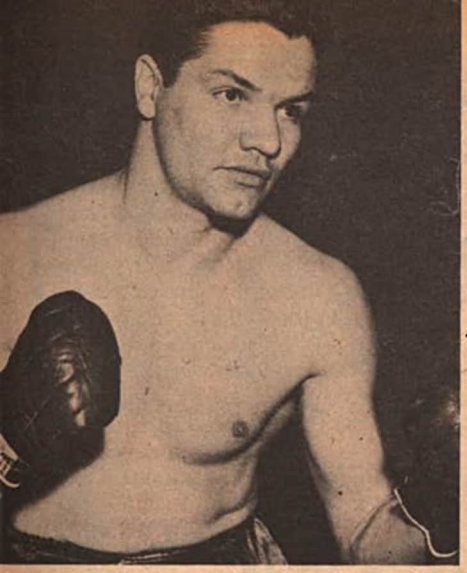
Robinson went on without a single reflex action loss for 11 years. Or rather until he lost to Randy Turpin in England. He came back splendidly for the glory of his times in his return knockout of Turpin here.

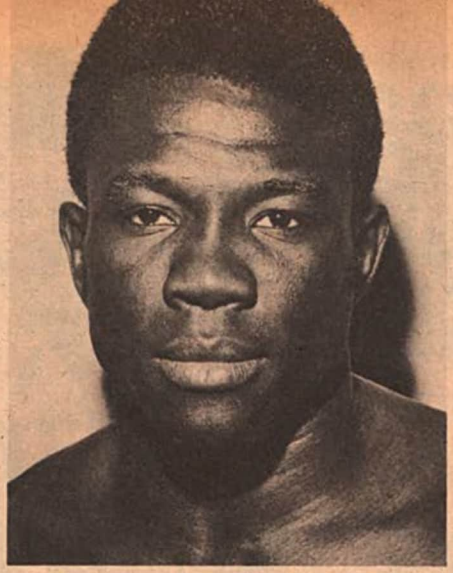
But there were chinks showing in his wall henceforth, the Joey Maxim bizarre KO (the only one of all time!) and the drab finishes (and losses) with Joey Giardello in Philadelphia, Mick Leahy in Paisley, England, and so forth.

It was hardly discernible at first. You could see a loss of a step, a failure to take advantage of the other man's step. You could notice it in his punching. The dynamic, fast shots became slower. And strangest of all, when it landed nothing occurred. It was as if somebody had mysteriously pulled his detonator.

The last time I remember seeing Sugar was in 1962 in the old Garden with Denny Moyer. The base hits weren't coming from his bat but he still had occasional flashes of defensive genius. Yet there was no surprise. The crowd knew Denny was going to get the decision.

Someone whimsically suggested there never would be a macabre retirement announcement by Ray, as had been promised at a 1965





Left to right: Billy Soose, who lost it all in the service during World War II; Emile Griffith, age took its toll and the rhythm was gone; Freddie Steele, his manager, Dave Miller, who died and grief wasted him.

farewell party. They said: "He will come out into the center of a ring somewhere, looking as lithe as ever and dressed as beautifully as ever in perfectly tailored trunks. There will be a clap of thunder, a flash of lightning and he will disappear—forever."

Robinson drifted off from among the active fighters nearly ten years ago, in 1965. He is rarely encountered in New York or in Los Angeles.

You'll pardon the expression but he lived a busy, happy and successful life as a fighter and then died of natural causes, so to speak.

But some fighters lived a deceptive life and when they went, it was quickly and mysteriously. In the heyday of Mike Jacobs' career as a promoter, in the thirties, Fred Apostoli was the beau ideal of middleweight. He was a champion, he was both boxer and puncher, with accent on his dynamiting.

In fact, Harry Markson, Jacobs' then publicist, called him "the greatest fighter around today, pound-for-pound."

He thundered past the spent middleweights, many of whom had been champions, Solly Krieger, Clen Lee, Young Corbett III and Freddie Steele (he's another story).

Apostoli had a memorable pair of fights with Billy Conn, 10 and 15 rounds. Conn won by a whisker each time but they were sensational, cursing and teasing every inch of the way.

Then he, as champion, New York-recognized, took a title fight with Ceferino Garcia, known as the Philippine bolo-puncher. Fred must have gone in as a 3 to 1 favorite. He seemed a solid choice.

Garcia tore into him as if he were a rag doll. Apostoli was knocked out in the seventh round.

He had been incredibly bad. Rumors shot all over town. Bill Corum, well-informed Journal-American sports columnist, wrote the next week: "What was Fred Apostoli doing on the eve of his fight last week, walking down Broadway at 3 A.M.?" And Corum didn't write all that he had heard.

The story began to mushroom. He was drinking, he was with women. And it wasn't the first time he had been seen with the same company. . .Apparently, the last to learn of his activity was his manager, Larry White.

Plus which, to the best of this writer's knowledge, Apostoli never denied the story. It may be significant that when he fought in New York again he had another manager. And he had a different ring personality. I never saw the old Apostoli, the precise gunner, again; he was a sloppy, ordinary fighter.

I mentioned Steele a while back. He was a beautiful ring mechanic early in his career. And he had a beautiful relationship with his manager, straight-shooting Dave Miller. There is no telling how high Steele's arc would have soared under Miller's handling. Then Dave, barely 45, suffered a heart attack and died.

Grief had a natural reaction on Steele. He was unwilling to train. He began to drink. New management decided that what he needed was activity. Nothing could have been worse. His attitude thus became one of antagonism for the brain trust; he still didn't care. And they cared too much.

He came to New York to fight Apostoli. He was preceded by stories of his days with Miller, when he was a red hot item, with decisions over the best in Seattle. But it was all gone. He was picked to the bones by a hungry Apostoli, who pickled him in nine rounds, partly in revenge for a 10th round KO by Steele in Seattle.

Steele skidded to the bottom, fistically speaking. The final touch was a KO in the first round by Al Hostak, a style-less slugger. He achieved one bit of fame by playing

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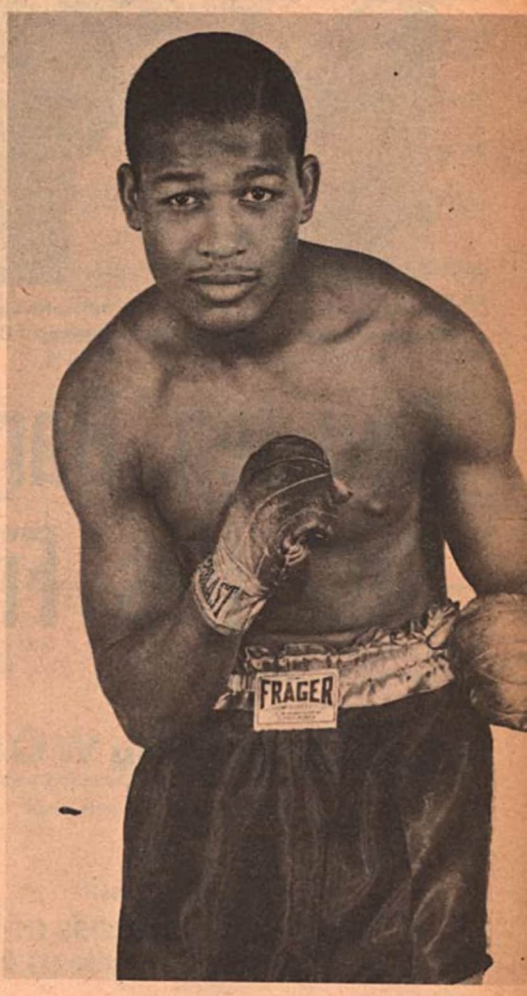

Sugar Ray Robinson retired in 1965 with over 200 fights under his belt. No one fight finished Ray's career, he just slowly began to drift until his greatness was a thing of the past.

Benny Ljungberg, left, who despite difficulties placed in his path has put together a stable to compete in world boxing. Next to Benny three amateurs, light heavyweight Branko Mikek, welterweight Rolf Karlsson, and middleweight Roland Ahlin, all turning pro.

Sweden Bars Boxing, Still Has Fighters

By SVEN EKSTROM

GOTEBORG, SWEDEN — On January 1st, 1970, professional boxing was outlawed in Sweden. You can be jailed for six months, if you are a professional and take part in a match, an exhibition or a sparring session in a gym! Also an amateur may be punished if he does business with a professional!

Does this mean that there are no professional boxers in Sweden? Oh, no! The then European championship contender, flyweight Ulf Danielsson, went into the prohibition era still fighting, (outside Sweden), and training, (inside Sweden). How could he even train in this professional boxing taboo land? "I don't care," Ulf said. And his sparring partners from the amateur club in his hometown Jonkoping didn't care either. When the sport hall in Jonkoping was temporarily closed Ulf took his things and went to the Jonkoping police headquarters training guy and arranged his workouts and sparring sessions there — right before the eyes of amused police!

A Swedish official — who learned about Ulf Danielsson's activities — is quoted as having said: "We have far more important matters to handle than Mr. Danielsson's boxing business!"

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Q. We in Philadelphia think Richie Kates is a great fighter. Look over the Kates record and you will see that he beat Hutchins, yet, Hutchins is rated near the top in the American light heavy ratings. How come?

Waldo Chase
Philadelphia, Pa.

A. The Kates victory over Hutchins came in an eight rounder long ago. That result is of little consequence today.

Q. Why is it that New York is in one world in boxing and the rest of the country is in another world? Why are foreign boxers not shown in Madison Square Garden? For example, Galindez from the Argentine?

George Herrerra
Chicago, Ill.

A. In boxing, New York has a definite arrogance. I am afraid it may be fading out. Your questions are well put.

Q. Which were the best ring performances according to the magazine's Answer Man?

George Goins
Atlanta, Ga.

A. Dempsey's murder of Willard, followed by Jack's KO of Firpo after the Argentine had knocked him out of the ring. Foreman's quick kayo over Joe Frazier and then Ali's 8th round knockout over Foreman all were top ring performances.

Q. Who was the heavyweight champion of the world in 1906? Jeffries retired in 1905. What was the title line the next year?

Henry Oberreger
San Antonio, Texas

A. Marvin Hart became the champion, of sorts, July 3, 1905 at Reno when he stopped Jack Root in 14 rounds. A strange champion with Johnson in the field. True, Hart had beaten Johnson in a 20-round fight but it had a strange odor. Hart was no more in Jack's class than Wepner is in Muhammad's. In 1906 Tommy Burns beat Hart in 20 rounds in Los Angeles. Johnson beat Burns, Jess Willard took the title from Johnson and Dempsey knocked out Jess.

Q. I do not understand the open spot in the ratings concerning the featherweight title. Is the champion Bobby Chacon or Ruben Olivares?

Cornelius Oosterdam
Holland, Mich.

A. The W.B.C. says Olivares is the title holder. The W.B.A. says Chacon is the champion. The fact is that neither has a clear title and they must meet to decide who is the real world leader.

Q. In the Beverly"Beverly Hillbillies" movie, which lasted eight years, there was a Max Baer. Was he related to the onetime heavyweight champion Max Baer?

Ms. Beverly Gleason
San Francisco, Calif.

A. The Baer of the "Hillbillies" is the son of the onetime champion. He is appearing in a movie, the story of which he wrote himself, "Macon County Line."

Q. I am told by oldtimers, and I read about it, that Jim Corbett was a remarkable boxer. Was Corbett or Fitzsimmons, his conqueror, the equal of Gene Tunney as a boxer?

Joe Desailles
Baton Rouge, La.

A. The Answer Man never saw Corbett or Fitzsimmons fight. But movies do not lead him to believe that either champion could have boxed with Tunney.

Q. I am doing a book on Jeffries and the fighters whom he met. He fought George Munroe twice but I cannot find a record for George in the old boxing guides. How come?

Chester Danning
Hollywood, Calif.

A. Jeff's meetings with Munroe were not really fights. The first one was labelled an exhibition. Munroe was a football player on Marcus Daly's team of copper miners in Butte.

Q. Was Harry Harris ever the bantam champion of the world?

William Palmterston
Montreal, Can.

A. Yes, Harris was the champion, briefly. He beat Pedlar Palmer of England for the title after Terry McGovern had moved into the feathers. Harris also gave up the title to go into the feathers.

Q. Who has had the greatest influence for good boxing in the United States among fighters? My personal choice is Dempsey. Gene Tunney's pick is John L. Sullivan. There doubtless is a powerful vote for Muhammad Ali. Does the Ring have a true line on the answer?

Fred Washington
Washington, D.C.

A. The Ring votes for Dempsey followed closely by Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali. Jack came at a critical time. He came dramatically and he fitted into the American fetich of the knockout.

Q. Have you ever picked Ali's place among the great American heavyweights? My friends and I say he is No. 1. Are we overestimating his class?

Mrs. Gale Crombie
Atlanta, Ga.

A. Muhammad's place among the heavies will be determined in the years to come. He emphatically is not No. 1 but is in the top 10.

Q. In the Ring Record Book the late Nat Fleischer picked Joe Gans over Benny Leonard as the best lightweight of all time. Does the Answer Man accept that decision?

Walter Graboner
Providence, R.I.

A. Gans seldom was in top condition for a fight. Leonard seldom was out of shape. Could Leonard have gone the distances Gans went? No. Benny did not train for distance. Leonard was the first lightweight to fight with combinations. The Answer Man never saw Gans but he did see Leonard at his best and it is difficult to imagine a better boxer than Benny.

Q. Whom does the Ring rate the greatest Cuban-born fighter? Is it Napoles, Chocolate, Gavilan, Tunero or Stevenson?

Jose Soldano
Tampa, Fla.

A. The No. 1 Cuban-born fighter was and is Jose Napoles. Stevenson is an amateur and cannot possibly rate over Napoles who, if he worked hard, would be even better.

Q. My great-grandfather always said that Corbett had Jeffries on points for 22 rounds and then lost command and was knocked out. Is that the way the Ring has the story of that fight?

Louis Labrl Cohen
Boston, Mass.

A. Corbett had Jeff on points for 22. Then, Corbett told the Ring his legs gave out and he was helpless.

Ring Champion TONY ZALE

helps CHICAGO youngsters

By PHILOMENA T. ZALE

Ex-middleweight champ Tony Zale smiles with great pride. Tony is boxing coach of the Chicago Park District receiving Golden Gloves team trophy award.

CHICAGO, ILL. — Tony Zale, former middleweight champion and current head boxing coach of the Chicago Park District, also acts as coordinator for this successful program which was conceived by General Superintendent, Edmund L. Kelly, an ardent boxing enthusiast.

Kelly's interests in Chicago youth and the realization that there are a lot of boys who are not interested in team sports, could very well find the boys in a well directed boxing program. Helping tremendously are the Director of Recreation, William N. Barbaro, and Billy Shay, Director of Boxing. There are instructors who have earned an interesting career for themselves in the Boxing World. Such men as Tony Musto, Rich Guerrereo, Gene Kelly and Tony Zale.

These men guide the young in a program with a future, looking to a whole new group of boxers and fans of tomorrow. With this in mind the program takes on a greater dimension and gives a freshness to boxing. How do they achieve this? Well, at the present time there are thirty parks in operation in Chicago. The Chicago Park District's plans are to expand to forty or more locations, and will be able to have complete coverage of the city.

Twenty parks are located in the Ghetto areas. Boxing classes are held daily from 4 to 8 P.M. including Saturdays.

Zale works in each location for a period of one week. His objective is to reach the children from ages seven to fourteen and introduce the idea of boxing as a personal sport to them. How it can play an important part in their lives and discovery of confidence, self respect for themselves and their fellow opponents. Therefore, not only foster future boxers, future fans, but, hopefully, Olympic material.

Tony spends the first part of the week instructing the youngsters in the fundamentals of boxing. At the end of the week Tony shows movies of the City-Wide Boxing Show for 1972 and a movie of Zale vs Rocky Graziano, world's middleweight championship, a little question and answer, then signing of autographs to round out the schedule.

There are shows in each of the parks. There are area tournaments for the North and South Side parks with boxers from each park participating. Winners from Area tournaments have competed for the last four years in City championships in the Northwest Armory.

There is every indication that the program has reduced juvenile delinquency and has helped monitor gang control at all boxing locations, especially in the inner-city.

Tony Zale, former champ, whose devotion to youth with a skill that is his first love, continues to give of himself. His 60th birthday just has passed, on May 29.

Tony Zale talks to young boxing aspirants in Chicago where he works with youth.

PUNCH LINES

LUCK—HOGWASH!

In some recent issues of The Ring there has been some hogwash written about Cassius Clay attributing his great success in boxing to nothing other than pure luck.

This idea is unfair, and is conceived through emotion rather than logic. Every heavyweight champion of the past has had his share of luck—Cassius is just among many.

Jack Dempsey was lucky that he didn't get his skull crushed when he was knocked out of the ring by Firpo. He was also lucky the referee didn't stop the fight since it was past the count of ten when he got back into the ring. Gene Tunney was lucky when Jack refused to go to a neutral corner in the battle of The Long Count. Was not Joe Louis lucky when Billy Conn selected to slug it out with Joe in the thirteenth round when Billy was way ahead on points? What would have happened if Marciano wouldn't have landed that right hand in the thirteenth round of his battle with Walcott? Jersey Joe was ahead in the scoring.

Cassius lucky? Yes, but his record speaks for himself. He has beaten Messers. Liston, Frazier, and Foreman. He must now be considered one of the all time greats.

Scott Wolf
Simi, Calif.

FIGHTS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN 1975

They may never come off but among fights I would like to see is a rubber match between Muhammad Ali and Ken Norton. Ali-Lyle would be nice if you can talk Ali into it.

A Foreman-Frazier rematch could be interesting.

Among the light heavyweights I would like to see John Conteh fight Victor Galindez to help clean up that title mess.

Middleweights: Carlos Monzon should fight Rodrigo Valdez and Tony Licata and Vito Antuofermo should get an early call.

Junior welterweights: Let's get Antonio Cervantes and Hector Thompson together.

Lightweights: I hope that the Roberto Duran and Ray Lampkin fight will come to pass. Ken Buchanan should be given a another shot at the title.

Featherweights: Bobby Chacon and Alex Arguello should mix it up, probably in California!

Bantamweights: Soo Hwan Hong and Rafael Herrera is a most logical match and Hong and Romeo Anaya looks good.

My last wish for "75" is that the WBA, the WBC, Ring Magazine, and the other boxing powers would unite to form a powerful world authority with the ability to force world champions to meet from two to four top contenders each year or relinquish their titles. This would probably do more to revive interest in boxing than Ali can at present.

Dr. C.G. Thompson
New Albany, Indiana

ALI-FOREMAN NOT FIRST

In your March issue of your good magazine you stated that the Ali-Foreman affair was the first world title fight held in any part of Africa other than South Africa.

Not so! If you recall, Marcel Cerdan, when he was the middleweight champion of the world, fought Lucien Krawscyk in Casablanca, which is in North Africa. Cerdan knocked out his opponent in the 4th round and I was at ringside.

Incidentally, you may remember my fighting in New York in 1927 and 1928 for Uncle Charlie Harvey and Jersey Jones.

Colonel Charles J. Foley
Kansas City
Missouri

Editors Note: Quite right—our slip was showing!

THIS TIME IT'S PRAISE

In the past I have both criticized and praised The Ring.

At this time I am defending the members of The Ring for their hard hitting defense of boxing. Namely, since Nat Fleischer first founded and published The Ring back in 1922 the number one statement has been: "Championships are won and lost in the ring."

Thank you for standing by Muhammad Ali in the 1960's and standing by Carlos Monzon in recent issues. I also appreciate your standing by Bob Foster in his controversary with the W.B.C. over his light heavyweight title, right up to the time he announced his retirement.

Brian Zelley
Victoria, B.C.
Canada

Editors Note: There is no doubt but that titles should be won and lost in the ring and not "stripped" by capricious, pseudo-powered boxing bodies for selfish reasons.

THERE IS USUALLY PRO AND CON

I am a man in middle age and have been reading The Ring for over two decades. In Punch Lines I constantly run across letters taking one side or the other on how great was the Corbett era compared to today. This seems particularly true of the heavyweights which seem to draw the most fire.

I am baffled that both sides of the controversy don't seem to realize that it is impossible to compare the top men of different eras.

Each era had its different methods of training, rules, styles—how can one compare men who fought 40 rounds with any knockdown being termed a round with today's three minute rounds and a minute rest period? Just as one example.

It would seem to me that to determine the All Time Great status of fighters that they should be divided into different eras.

Am I all wrong?

Jeffrey Samellson
Melbourne, Australia

Editors Note: You have a very valid presentation. For years those of us doing the picking have attempted to compensate for the various differences but there is no doubt but that this does leave room for more of the subjective approach and less of the objective.

FOR SCOTLAND, WALES AND ENGLAND!

Every time Muhammad Ali appears on British television he really annoys me! He always has a big hello for his English and London fight fans.

I would like to convey the message to him that it might be refreshing if Ali would give a big hello to his Scottish and Welsh fans. If he remembers he once sat in Robert Burns, our National Poet's seat in Burn's cottage. I hope that he doesn't think Burns was an Englishman?

I am on my thirteenth year with The Ring Magazine and have enjoyed every minute of it.

Stan Moscrop
Selkirkshire
Scotland

GIVE FOREMAN ANOTHER SHOT

I believe that George Foreman is entitled to another fight with Cassius Muhammad. George had the fight, and a rotten one it was, right up to the lucky punch that Ali put over. I believe that if there was another fight, in the United States, and George had proper training, he would have a good chance to win in spite of him many shortcomings as a technician.

Give Foreman a return match, right here in Houston.

Harry Rainbow
Houston, Texas

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*George Foreman, Hayward, Calif.
1—Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
3—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
6—Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
7—Rodney Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
8—Henry Clark, San Francisco, Calif.
9—Pat Duncan, Portland, Ore.
10—Howard Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
2—Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Tom Bethea, New York, N.Y.
4—Mike Quarry, Orlando, Fla.
5—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
6—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
7—Hal Carroll, Syracuse, N.Y.
8—James Scott, Miami Beach, Fla.
9—Lonnie Bennett, Houston, Texas
10—Willie Taylor, Brooklyn, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
1—Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
3—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
5—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Mike Rossman, Turnsville, N.J.
7—Eddie Gregory, New York, N.Y.
8—Johnny Baldwin, Houston, Texas
9—Gene Wells, Mobile, Ala.
10—Rico Hoye, Detroit, Mich.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.
1—Rafael Rodriguez, Minneapolis, Minn.
2—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
4—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
5—Billy Lloyd, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Keith Averett, Akron, Ohio
7—Cuby Top Cat Jackson, Detroit, Mich.
8—Chris Black, Brooklyn, N.Y.
9—Paul Poirier, New Bedford, Mass.
10—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Alfonso Hayman, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
4—Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
5—Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
6—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
7—Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico
8—Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
9—Carlos Palomino, Long Beach, Calif.
10—Avon Little, Washington, D.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Tony Petronelli, Taunton, Mass.
1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Brooks Byrd, Clovis, N.M.
4—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
5—Laudial Negron, Puerto Rico
6—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
7—Frankie Benitez, Puerto Rico
8—Adolph Viruet, Brooklyn, N.Y.
9—Javier Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
1—Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
2—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
3—Hector Medina, Puerto Rico
4—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Vilomar Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
6—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
7—Johnny Copeland, Springfield, Mo.
8—Mike Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Javier Ayala, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Miguel Mayan, San Diego, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
2—Jose Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
3—Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.
4—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
5—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
6—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
7—Eduardo Santiago, New York, N.Y.
8—Hector Diaz, Puerto Rico
9—Carlos Bercerril, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Eladio Leal, Miami, Fla.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
2—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
5—Lorenzo Trujillo, Houston, Texas
6—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
7—Luis Davila, Puerto Rico
8—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Budda Busceme, Beaumont, Texas
10—Ernesto Vann, Albuquerque, N.M.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1—Joe Guevara, Sacramento, Calif.
2—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
3—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
4—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—James Martinez, Dallas, Texas
6—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Billy Lee Hunter, Denver, Colo.
8—Eddie Logan, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
10—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1—Raul Rosetto, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Melvin Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
6—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
7—Victor Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
8—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
9—Erasmo Flores, Houston, Texas
10—Paul Kallai, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Champion

MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONS — PORTRAIT

Mickey Walker
defeated Tiger Flowers via a ten round decision in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1926. Walker held the title until 1931 when he quit the class.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

FLATBUSH Council, K of C #497, located at 3915 Flatlands Avenue, in Brooklyn, staged a whopper of a show, comprised of old-time and modern fight films from the early days. It was titled "Greatest Fights of the Century." For more than three hours the audience was regaled with nostalgic performances as they saw the past live again with performances from John L. Sullivan to the days of Joe Louis.

Our neighbor, Edmund P. Izzo, 56 year old sport enthusiast invited us to the gathering. Edmund, by the way, was a cousin to the great football persoanlity of his day, Vince Lombardi, a hero in his own right. Incidentally, the late Bill Stern and yours truly handled the commentary of the famous shindigs that unfolded on the screen.

In kaleidiscopic fashion, old time memorable favorites appeared on the screen. John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett and Jim Jeffries displayed their wares. Jack Dempsey in his thrillers, including the fights with Jess Willard, Gene Tunney, Georges Carpentier and Luis Angel Firpo. The great Joe Louis battles, including his duels with James L. Braddock, Billy Conn, Abe Simon, Max and Buddy Baer and others.

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Many old time fight buffs were in the crowd telling of their connection with the Marquis of Queensberry sport. One was 71-year-old Jack Tormey, who has been a Brooklynite all his life, living in the Ocean Hills section of Flatbush, since 1929. Tormey spoke about the days when Johnny Weismantle ran the Ridgewood Grove S. C. and later the Broadway Arena. He recalled when Andy Niederreiter, then in knee pants, was his first lieutenant. Tormey operated his famous tavern at Snyder and Nostrand Avenues, in Brooklyn. Jack well remembers his favorites of those days — Joe Agnello, "Irish" Patsy Callahan, Vincent Pepper Martin and the Kohler brothers, Willie and Charlie, managed by Jack Clifford.

Another veteran present was John Milmore who reminded me that he was associated years ago with the famous head usher, Johnny Haynes, who had the assignment at Ebbets Field, Broadway Arena, Ebbets Field, 7th Regiment Armory and Coney Island Stadium. John will be 76 years old.

To top the Knights of Council affair, the audience was entertained by the famous Irish tenor, Walter Murphy, who knows how to belt out a tune.

Joe Louis former world heavyweight champ is hosting at London's West End Pigalle Sporting Club.

Incidentally, films of the Pittsburgh Pirates-Baltimore Orioles World Series back in 1968, which the Pirates won in seven games, made quite an impression, especially the slugging of the late Roberto Clemente, who hit safely in every game.

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Jimmy O'Connor, of the fight managers Guild, in reminiscing about Chuck Wepner's dad, said Charley was a better than fair heavyweight in his day. In 1933 competition was tough with the many heavyweight prospects around. Jimmy spoke about Harold Mays, one of Gene Tunney's spar mates in the first Jack Dempsey fight in Philadelphia. He was one of a list that included such future stars and potential champions as Jack Sharkey, Max Schmeling, Paulino Uzcudun, Jimmy Maloney, Roberto Roberto, Stanley Poreda, Charley Retzlaff and Isidore Gastanaga. Incidentally, the father at one time was first vice president of Paul Berlenbach's Veteran Boxing Association Ring #21, in Brooklyn.

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Mark Conn, famous New York State referee, a man of outstanding activities outside of being a third man in the ring, achieved another distinction when the man now living at Belle Harbor, in the Rockaways, captured first place several months ago in the National Charity American Contract Bridge League Championship, beating out 25,000 players. The American Bridge League magazine stated that it was the first time a boxing referee has ever won this tournament.

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Ran into an old friend of The Ring Magazine, genial Bill Brennan, chairman of the championship committee of the World Boxing Association, at Gallagher's famous eating place on West 52nd St., in New York, when public announcement was made that Roberto Duran, of Panama, world's lightweight king, would defend his crown against Ray Lampkin, of Portland, Oregon, in Panama. Bill is having eye trouble, suffering from cataracts.

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News of the passing of another fistic figure came through the mails with the report that Jack Stark, from the Bronx, who won the Metropolitan featherweight title in 1920, passed away on January 20, at his Miami Beach home. Representing the Bronxdale Athletic Club, Stark went to the Nationals in Boston in 1920, losing a closely waged duel to Dan Gartin in the semi-finals.

The Bronxite turned pro in 1921, competing against feathers and lightweights, tangling with Willie Davis, Sid Terris and Solly Seemaa, among others, before exiting from the ring in 1924.

Jack, during World War II, when he was in his forties, served in the Infantry, seeing action in France and in Germany. He was a member of the Veteran Boxers Association, South Florida Ring #31. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Gussie Stark, of Miami Beach; his son, Evan Stark, of Pound Ridge, N.Y.; his daughter, Mrs. Susanne Young, of New York City; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Lake, of Long Beach, Calif.; and Miss Frances Stark, who lives in New York City. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

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Recently received a letter from our old boxing pal, Aldo Spoldi, who was a lightweight performer around little old New York and managed by the late Charley Johnston. Aldo makes sporadic trips to our town and always drops in to say hello to The Ring staff. Aldo writes to say he is secretary of the Veteran Boxers Association that he

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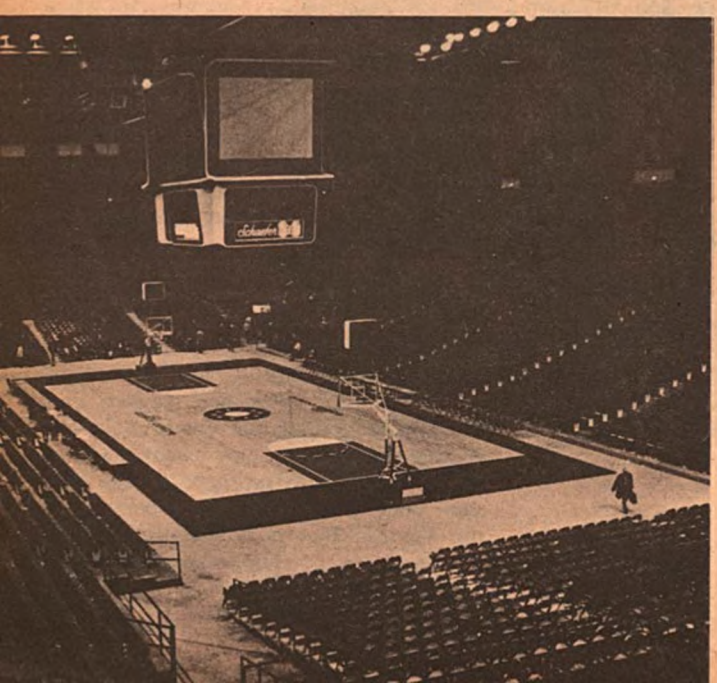
Boxing at CAPITAL CENTRE Thriving In New Arena...

An elated Eli Hanover leaving press conference at Capital Centre. At left the game over, Eli seen leaving Capital Sports Arena.



By Ed Scullen

LARGO, MD. — Boxing is back! That's the word these days from the national capital area as first class boxing has surfaced at the Capital Centre Arena located just minutes away from the heart of Washington, D.C.

Thanks to the promotional magic of the area's top boxing impressario, Eli Hanover, the fight game hereabouts is drawing healthy crowds and good gates while allowing local fighters to display their talents.

The upsurge in boxing interest is particularly gratifying to local fight fans who have seen only small cards in poor locations since the sport took a nosedive in the mid-50's. The last bout of impor-

tance held in Washington was an early 50's contest between Ezzard Charles and Jimmy Bivens which drew a gate in the $60,000 range.

A large part of the revival is due to the availability of the comfortable and spacious Capital Centre (18,000 seats) completed in December, 1973. Add the promotional skill of Hanover, and boxing is a hot property again.

Promoting in conjunction with Capital Centre owner Abe Pollin, Hanover began the revival with a May 1974 show headed by Oscar Bonevena-Larry Middleton card which drew 5,126 and put $42,000 in the till.

Next came a $46,000 gate produced by a Jimmy Ellis-Middleton matchup in July and then a late November show closed out the year with a $32,000 take.

In 1975 Hanover's first show using mostly local talent produced a respectable $28,000. In all, 10 shows are planned for 1975 at the Capital Centre.

It's true that such figures wouldn't raise an eyebrow among New York or Los Angeles boxing people, but in an area long starved for first class boxing attractions. . .it becomes headline stuff. And anyone who listens to Eli Hanover for more than a few minutes comes away with an unmistakable feeling that boxing at the Capital Centre has. . .Potential.

A single visit to the Capital Centre is usually enough to convince anyone that this is indeed a beautiful setup. Located just off the Washington, D.C. Beltway (Rte. 495), the sweeping roofline can be easily seen from exit ramps 32 and 33 in Largo, Md.

Approximately 300 events per year are held at the Capital Centre. They include professional basketball (Bullets), hockey (Capitals), wrestling, roller derby, box lacrosse and entertainment events which range from a Frank Sinatra appearance to rock groups such as the "Greatful Dead".

Because of its location near the nation's capital, the interior is strictly red, white and blue. The patriotic theme is even used to designate the spacious parking areas and entrances. Liberty Bell, Stars and Stripes and Capitol Dome are some of the fanciful titles. A special feature of the arena is a four sided 12'×16' full color Telescreen used to provide patrons with instant replays and closeups.

Another encouraging note is that promoter Hanover plans to use a majority of local boxers to build up the sport here.

"We're going to bring quality fights to the Capital Centre," said Hanover at a recent press conference. "But the important thing is we're going to build boxing by bringing good young fighters here."

The former owner of a night club on Baltimore's famed Block, the non-stop talking, schmalzy Hanover has had just enough success to wet his appetite.

"Now that Madison Square Garden has closed down the Felt Forum," explained Hanover, "there's going to be more boxers available on the East Coast than ever before. What I intend to do is to give some work to one or two New York fighters on every card, but mostly to use local boys to build things up. You'll be seeing a lot of the Johnny Gant's, Tim Walker, the Mike Baker's and others. I want to make attractive matches that will sell" he added.

"Eventually, when the time is right," predicted the ever-confident Hanover, "you'll see the Ali's and Frazier's at the Capital Centre. It'll happen just as sure as you're sitting there," he told a visitor.

Apparently Hanover spoke not a moment too soon, because the Capital Centre ran the Foreman-Bonevena bout with the Ali-Wepner closed circuit telecast, last March.

Hanover, who has often been dubbed by the local media as "raffish" and "Runyonesque", has come by his promotional skill the hard way. Beginning in the mid-60's Hanover began promoting at Steelworkers Hall in the Dundalk section of Baltimore when it appeared that boxing might drop out of sight altogether. A former amateur lightweight who went on to manage and train several boxers, Hanover later brought boxing to Baltimore's down town Civic

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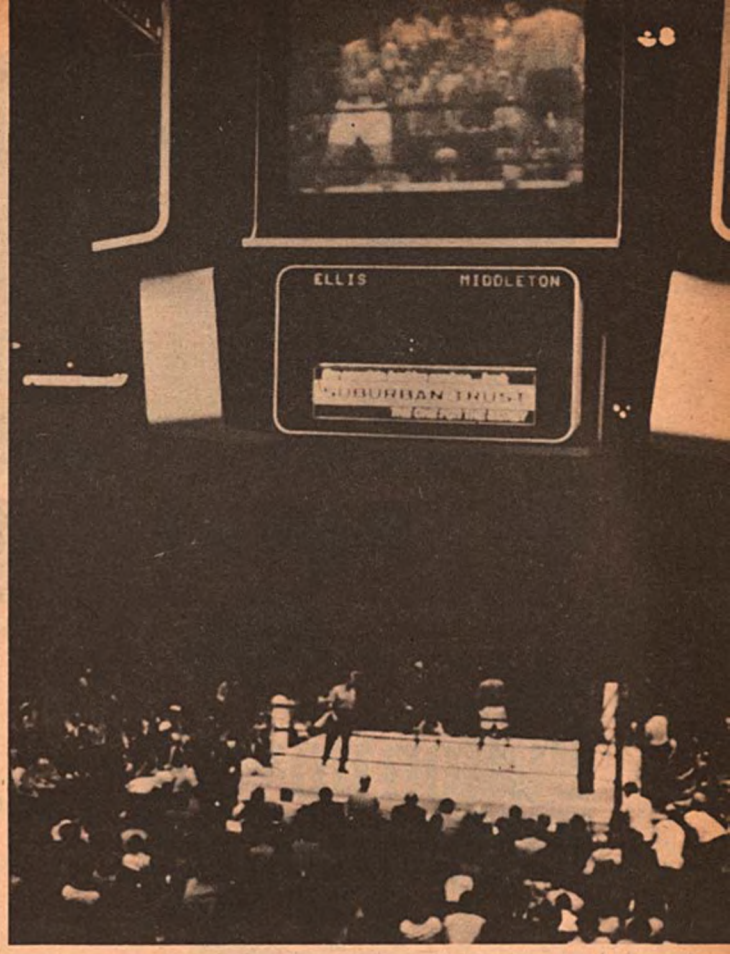

Above Ellis and Middleton appear on Capital Centre 12' X 16' Full Color Telescreen, providing the fans with instant replay and closeups. Below Eli Hanover the Capital Centre Impressaro ham's it at the press conference. Seated left to right are: Leo Saenz, Bruce Cantrell, Al Migliorato and Mike Rossman.

Did you miss a button this morning?

Mennen **Pushbutton** Deodorant provides lasting protection against perspiration odor. And Pushbutton's fine mist dries instantly on contact.

Button up your underarm.

OLD BROADWAY

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founded two years ago in Italy. Writing from Milano, Italy, the affable Spoldi says:

"I am secretary of our VBA and we have in our association Nino Benvenuti, former middleweight boss, Mario D'Agata, Salvatore Burruni, Sandro Lopopolo, our first president, Carmelo Bossi, and many other European champions. Our present president is Gini Rossi, who won a silver medal at the Olympic games in Los Angeles in 1932.

"We have 158 members and the only way to bring money into the Association to help the boxers in need is the movies that I show with my big collection of Dempsey to Marciano-Louis-Clay, Foreman, Canzoneri and other championship fight films.

"Remember me to Publisher-Editor Nat Loubet and the rest of The Ring staff."

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The National Cartoonist Society, of which Bill Gallo is president, scored another knockout at their latest annual sports night dinner at the Commodore Hotel Grand Ball Room. Our old pal Jack Dempsey and former heavyweight king, Joe Frazier, helped spotlight the dais. They honored the former basketball stars of the Knicks, Willis Reed and Dave DeBusschere. Many other luminaries graced the spotlight. At our table was Tex James, Publisher of the Daily News, Val Palmer, Business Manager of that popular newspaper, Dick Young, recently named Sports Editor, Bill Gallo, Jr., as well as Arthur Rubin, the man with the great voice.

Other members of the fistic fraternity present was Mike Burke, Madison Square Garden, as well as Teddy Brenner and Public Relations man for the Garden, John F. X. Condon, Duke Stefano, Billy Graham, Chuck Wepner, and Arthur Susskind. Bob Dunn, of the famous cartoon 'They'll Do It Every Time,' again did a masterful job as M.C.

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Which recalls the great get together held in the Roosevelt Hotel on the occasion of another annual affair by the Max Kase B'Nai B'Rith Sports Lodge. A big array of sports celebs of yesteryear and present day Knickerbockers basketball stars were present. The guest of honor was Walter Kennedy, president of the National Basketball Association. Incidentally, we were honored with the first Max Kase award.

John Condon, who is at allthe Knicks games for the Garden, handled the current champions while Barney Kremenko, now publicist with the Nets, handled the other dais of celebs. Among the dais guests were Dan Ferris, AAU Emeritus, and Kenny Smith, director of Baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Ferris told us he once covered the boxing game while the late Ed Sullivan was sports editor of the Evening Graphic. At the same time he worked for the AAU on the Evening Mail.

Eddie Murphy, former basketball referee, who has been with the Family Court in Queens, for twenty-five years, together with Tommy Marengo, again joined us in attending the B'Nai B'Rith get-together. Marengo, a Brooklyn lightweight, seeing action from 1934 to 1937, is a pal of Mickey Oliver's, ex-battler who, like Tommy, is a member of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21. Among other celebrities at the Shindig were Ray Arcel, and Manny Seamon, famous trainers of great champions. Judge Michael M. Potoker, of the Supreme Court, and Irving Rudd, former newspaper man, handling public relations for OTB.

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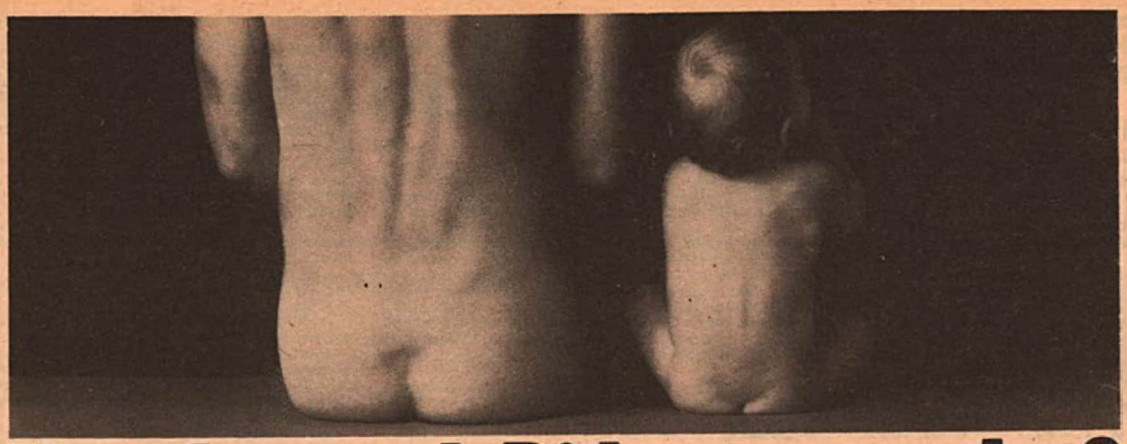
Final note: Vern DePaul, related to Patsy Perroni, former heavyweight star out of Cleveland, is enthused about the actor career of his junior Greenwich Village star, Chu



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Chu Malave, now retired from the ring. Malava, who boxed as a pro three years, engaging in 26 fights, winning 22 and losing four. He appeared in the Barney Miller series and also in a movie with Al Pacino called "Mad Dog afternoon." Vern says popular Chu Chu is happy with his acting chores.

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Jack Singer, manager of the Flame Steak houses, is well pleased with the progress his local middleweight, Eddie Gregory, has been making and is confident he'll go all the way. His kayo of Cyclone Hart in the Felt Forum got him going and he followed through with kayos over Mario Rosa and Steve Smith.

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"Irish" Pat Duncan, Portland, Oregon, heavyweight, is now under the management of Mike Morton, manager of Ray Lampkin, the Oregon lightweight.

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"Sports Before My Eyes," with host Marvin Goldberg, will add a new feature to the show. . ."Medical Research in the Field of Sports."

Each week, Goldberg will interview a medical authority in sports, including Drs. Edwin Campbell and Harry Kleiman, of the New York State Athletic Commission, Dr. Max Novich, Chief Physician of International United States Boxing Teams, Dick McGuire, of the National Athletic Trainers Association, and Danny Whelan, of the New York Knicks.

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RUSSIANS BEAT U.S. BOYS IN AMATEUR CONTESTS

By SAM TAUB

A standing room crowd turned out to watch the Russian amateur scrappers tangle with our American lads in the Felt Forum and the windup was an 8 to 2 win for the invaders.

Two sour decisions didn't help our cause, because in both instances the Americans were the victims, on both occasions two of the three judges being with the foreign delegation.

The ten bout card furnished action and the turnout of 4,102 paid with a record Felt Forum gate of $26,472, started out with the Americans leading in two of the first three skirmishes.

The Russians ran ahead of us and were leading 5 to 2 at the end of the first seven scraps. This meant they needed one to win.

Then came the first upheaval when Eddie Davis, from Freeport, L.I., representing the Americans in the light heavyweight division, clashed with Oleg Karatayev. The foreigner suffered and eight second standup count in round one and was pummelled throughout the three sessions, only to find the two Russian officials voting for him while the U.S. judge, Dick McGuire, had it 60-55 for the American. Then came a barrage of beer cups, some with some beer still left, into the ring.

The tension didn't slacken when Marvin Stinson, from Philadelphia, was again outvoted two to one by the same officials, after apparently scoring a close victory over Victor Ulianich. This was closely waged.

The tournament wound up with Igor Vysotsky knocking down Helton Willis, of Washington, D.C., in a heavyweight brawl, leaving the fallen American wobbly, whereupon the referee called a halt after about a minute of action. All-in-all, the final count was an 8 to 2 win for Russia.

▲Here are the complete results:

Flyweight — Bahktay Sapeyev, USSR, decisioned Louis Curtis, Washington, D.C.

Bantamweights — Derrik Holmes, Palmer Park, Md., decisioned David Torosyan.

Featherweights — Howard Davis, Jr., Glen Cove, N.Y., beat Anatoliy Volkov, 3rd round, referee stopping it.

Light Welterweight — Anatoliy Kamnev, USSR, decisioned John L. Sullivan, Portland, Ore.

Welterweights — Mikail Bychkow, USSR, decisioned Roosevelt Green, Washington, D.C.

Light Middleweights — Leonid Shaposhnikov, USSR, decisioned Henry Bunch, Washington, D.C.

Light Heavyweight — Anatoliy Klimahov, USSR, decisioned Al Fracker, West Point Military Academy.

Light Heavyweights — Oleg Karatayev, USSR, decisioned Eddie Davis, Freeport, N.Y.

Heavyweights — Victor Ulianich, USSR, decisioned Marvin Stinson, Philadelphia.

Heavyweights — Igor Vysotsky, USSR, stopped Helton Willis, Washington, D.C., 1st round, referee stopping it.

There were two preliminary fights before the USSR-USA meetings. Both three 2 minute rounds. Ernie Johnston, Castle Hill A.C. stopping Joe Freyre, N.Y. Fire Dept., Referee Dick McGuire stopping it in the second round. Johnny Hayes, Bronx Boys Club, stopping Johnny Molander, Foreign Wars, also in round two, a cut left eye forcing referee to halt the bout.

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PROS AND AMATEURS STIR NUTMEGGERS

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

Waterbury State Armory — KO Kevin Pentalow, 190, of New Britain, returned to the ring wars and promptly disposed of his opponent Wild Bill Hardney, 195, of Baltimore, in 1:55 of the 2nd. Hardney was dazed and bewildered, as referee Sal Maltempo tolled off the final 10 count!

Other results — 135 pound Hartford sensation Donnie Nelson was hard pressed to win in 6 heats over trial horse Recardo Camero, 136, of Brockton, Mass. Donny, who had an off night, couldn't quite put everything together against his awkward opponent and was lucky to win.

Vinnie DeBaros, 134, of Waterbury, just about figured out the thrusts of another awkward gladiator whose name is Ahmed Tasci, 131, from Hungary and White Plains, N.Y. The crowd thought the Hungarian fighter had won, but DeBaros eked out a narrow win.

In a four rounder, Danna McCarthy, 158, of Bristol, tried to box, and almost lost it all. He finally turned aggressive to gain a draw, much to the disappointment of Don Mellosh, 156, his White Plains, N.Y. opponent!

Also in four, Roberto Medinst, 137, of Brockton, decisioned Richie Lugo, 141, of White Plains. In the curtain raiser, Waterbury came up with still another comer in Avelino DesReis, 142, of that city who decisioned Frankie Williams of Ansonia.

Promoters Tony Paoli and Benny Singleton, did another fine job in keeping Pro Boxing alive in the Nutmeg State.

▲At the Meriden, Connecticut State Armory — Meriden's 2nd AAU Boxing Show filled the Armory to capacity as the Southington Police sponsored a great card.

Willie Pep, on exhibitions, the former feather king of the world, was hard pressed in earning a good draw with his much heavier opponent, 188 pound Bobb Krystopa, the Pizza King of Southington. But, as usual, Willie came roaring down the stretch and just made it! This fight was good enough for a re-match, and negotiations are now underway for a future encounter!

In other serious Bouts:

Tito Colman, 126, of Meriden, won by a single point over 126 pound Dave Litman, a good little fighter from former champ Floyd Patersons stable in New Paltz, N.Y.

Sam Feleciano, 135, of Hoboken, N.J., came out on the short end of a fight with another Paterson fighter, Tim Griffin, 135, as the New Paltz fighter won by a close margin.

Johney Fisher, 140, New Paltz, was a TKO winner over Long Vegerano, 140, of Waterbury, who suffered a cut eye and fatigue.

Steve Perez, 147, of New Paltz, halted Meridenite Moisa Bodillo in the second canto.

Ray SanDiago, Hoboken, 135 pounder, won over Waterbury's Norman Thomas, 135.

Abe SanDiago, 155, of Boston, lost to Danbury's Tim Malone. After a disasterous 1st round in which Abe suffered 2 eight count knockdowns.

John Harris, 160, of Hartford, took the nod over Tim Wahlen of Norwich.

Kevin Covas, 190, decisioned huge 230 pound Harold Robins a 16 year old comer from Hartford.

Bob Morales, 147, of New Paltz, TKO'ed Tom Beeman, 142, of Waterbury, in the 2nd.

Mike McCray, 137, of Jersey City, TKO'ed Robert MacIntosh, 140, of Waterbury, in one.

Don Rosado of Hoboken, N.J., won the nod over Al Rosado, New Paltz, N.Y.

Frank Cracky, 206, of the Bronx, lost to Johnie Blaine, of Bridgeport.

Sam Fulipo, 160, of Hoboken, won over Frank Clark, 160, of New Paltz, 3rd.

Al Couture, Earnie Durando, Ray Lord, Al Certo and Television's Dick Galiet, were on hand to help out with this gigantic affair.

▲AAU Boxing Returns to the Bridgeport State Armory — Results:

Hector Veley, 235, of Bridgeport, won over Ed Godedo of Hartford; Richie Ganna of Bridgeport KO'ed John Lindsey of Hartford; Joey Sabia of Bridgeport, stopped 150 pount Lou Vegarano, 150, of Danbury in 2:50 in the 3rd.

Joe Sinkewicz, 140, of Hartford, was stopped in 2:35 in 2nd by Jackie Roges, 140, of Danbury; Johnie Miller of Bridgeport, won over Tim Maloney of Danbury in a great fight! Tim Whelan of Naugatuck, KO'ed Mike Bartelle of Bridgeport in the third and final round. Stylish Bobby Parson, won over Curtis Smith in the 3rd. Darnell Vereen of Bridgeport, KO'ed Toney Redfern of Stamford, in the first. Both weighed 175 pounds.

180 pound Fritz Weiss, scored another 1 round KO over Jose Seners, 190, of Danbury; Popular Dennis Jordan of Hartford, won all the way over Al Langston, the Bridgeport favorite.

Ray Lord the new AAU Chief in Connecticut, is doing a fine job in developing amateur boxing here.

KO IN ONE BY CHAMP DURAN

By ALBERTO M. MONTILLA

Panama, R.P. — World lightweight champion Roberto (Rocky) Duran, 140, unfurled his punching-power to score a one-minute first-round knockout victory over Andres (Lumumba) Salgado, 138, of Colombia, in a non-title 10-round feature at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

A crowd of more than 10,000 struggled amid confusion thru the gates to see the champion's 41st knockout victory in 48 fights. He has 6 decisions and one loss, which came against Puerto Rico's Esteban De Jesus by a 10-round decision in October of 1972 at the Madison Square Garden. However, in a return championship bout held March 16, 1974 at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum, Duran knocked out the Puerto Rican in eleven.

Although the fans got only 60 seconds of action, the fight was a thriller. At the opening-bell both fighters met in the center of the ring and quickly swapped light jabs. The champion then made a semi-circle to his left as he seemed to be looking for his target to land a punch. After a fast exchange of a left by Duran to the body and a light right by Salgado to the head, Rocky followed with a devastating left to his opponent's mid-section and the Colombian wiggled to the canvas. At the count halfway by referee Servio Tulio Lay, Salgado tried to get on his feet but was unable as his right leg was cramped. After the count, Salgado had to be assisted to his corner by the handlers of both fighters and the Commission's medico. For Salgado it was his 7th loss in 35 bouts. The five-bout show produced a gross gate of 37,212 dollars.

Exactly as predicted by the experts, the pre-feature 10-rounder between Rodolfo (Bebe) Francis, 127, and Rafael Ortega, 126, was the best fight of the night, with Ortega being awarded the decision 96-95 by two judges, while referee Vivian Stewart voted 96-96. The Ring also scored it a draw.

From the start both fighters showed that they were out for business as they swapped hard punches during the first four rounds. The pace slowed down in the fifth. But from the sixth to the final bell both men returned to a give-and-take battle that kept the fans on the edge of their seats all the way.

Francis suffered his first defeat in 15 bouts. He has 12 victories by knockout and 2 decisions. For Ortega it was his 25th victory in 28 bouts. He has two losses and one draw.

In the third of the 4-carded 10-rounders, Reynaldo (Hormiguita) Hidalgo, 127, scored a 2:07 fourth-round technical knockout over Francisco (Torito) Castro, 125½, of Colombia, to bring his undefeated streak to eleven.

Jorge Lujan, 113, was awarded a unanimous decision over John Cajina, 112¼, of Nicaragua, in the other 10-rounder. Lujan who hasn't lost a fight, stretched his winning-streak to eight bouts.

In the opener, Wilfredo Gomez, 118¾, of Puerto Rico, but managed by Carlos Eleta, knocked out Jorge Bernal, 122¼, in 2:28 of the first round of a scheduled 8-rounder.

The boxing-card was presented by promoter Jesus (Master) Gomez, who will also present the lightweight championship fight between Roberto Duran and Ray Lampkin on March 2nd at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO

IVBA Ring #30 of Westchester County has sent Mickey Walker a check for $500 dollars, proceeds of recent raffle.

Sunday February 16th, IVBA Ring #8 of N.Y.C. are holding their annual banquet at the Carlyle Ballroom in Brooklyn, N.Y. honoring Ruby Goldstein and Dr. Edwin Campbell. Tickets and information, drop a line to Chairman Abe Berman—Hotel Statler Hilton—33rd. St. & 7th Ave., N.Y.C.

▲IVBA Ring #14. . .of N.J. had a successful annual banquet, held at the Skyline Cabana Club 30 Burma Road, Jersey City, N.J.

▲IVBA Ring #30. . .of Westchester County holding their tenth annual dinner-dance on Saturday, June 7th, at the Seven Pines Restaurant—Boston Post Rd., Mamaroneck, N.Y. Tickets and details refer to Bob Brandt—43 Calton Rd., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10808.

▲Saturday Sept. 20th, is the date for the yearly dinner of IVBA Ring #25 of Newark, N.J. being held at DeMaio's Restaurant—Route #10, Whippany, N.J.

▲Annual IVBA Convention dates are Oct. 17-18-19, at the Mount Airy Lodge, Poconos, Pa.: hosted by IVBA Ring #14 of New Jersey. For all particulars, contact Ring #14 Prexy Charlie Spina—443 Thomas Ave., Lyndhurst, N.J.

▲IVBA Ring #104. . .of Rome, N.Y. are holding their yearly bash at the Beeches Restaurant in that area on Saturday evening Nov. 1st. President, Tony Storace of 1904 Bedford St., Rome, N.Y. 13440, has all details.

▲Eddie Guida. . .crack lightweight of the mid 1920's, is affiliated with a funeral parlour in the Bronx, N.Y. He defeated the likes of Joe Rivers, Ralph Brodsky, Jackie Feiner, Johnnie O'Mara, Enrico Savardo, Frankie Proto, Angelo Gentile, Tommy Brady, Al Matera, Murray Rosen, Sailor Batista, Eddie Holmes, Fred Alexander, Reese Brooks, Al White, Nick Files, Willie Hohn, Ray Rivera, Izzy Cooper, Herman Bernstein, Vince Sanchez, Harry Jarrett, George Balduc, and Carl Duane, to name a few.

▲Irv Silverman. . .former leather slinger and present Secretary of the International VBA just celebrated his 65th birthday on March 15th, same day as Kenny "Broadway" Sheahan of Ring #30, celebrated his 61st.

►Joe Pushkal. . .former N.Y. State boxing judge has recently moved to the warm shores of Florida.

▲The Izzy Zerling Youth Foundation. . .recently honored IVBA Ring #8 Prexy Al Reid at P.S. #134—East Broadway.

▲Harry Ebbets. . .former good light-heavey is in South Oaks Hospital, Sunrise Highway, Amityville, N.Y.

▲Joe "Iron Horse" Sturino. . .former fisticuffer from New Rochelle, N.Y., who was inducted into the Westchester County Boxing Hall of Fame last year, is seriously ill in Danbury Hospital—Danbury, Connecticut. Joe has had his share of bad luck, losing his beloved wife recently.

▲Rev. Michael J. Hunt. . .the Kindly "Man of God" who gave such a beautiful eulogy for the slain Frank Walker, who came to the aid of Police Officer John DiCembre, is a Chaplain for International VBA. The kindly Reverend is Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Long Island City, N.Y.

▲The Veteran Boxers Ring #31. . .of Florida, came up with a new batch of officers: President—Hank Kaplan: 1st V.P.—Moe Roth: 2nd V.P.—Moe Fleischer: Fin. Secretary—Harry Strull: Rec. Secretary—Nate Cohen: Sargeant at Arms—Harry Schroff, Mario Castrioone & Sam Asbyll.

▲This group is holding their annual banquet at the Seville Hotel on Saturday March 22, 1975. For further information, contact Harry Strull-417 W. 30th Street, Miami Beach, Florida 33140.

▲Emerson Smith. . .the well versed boxing instructor of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, is carrying on in the tradition of its originator some 55 years back, namely Spike Webb. Smitty does a grand job of tutoring the young ring hopefuls, and says he owes a great deal of his success to one-time middleweight contender, Steve Belloise.

▲Charles Gellman. . .former Boxer and Director of Jewish Memorial Hospital is back from Florida, after battling a severe heart seizure.

▲Joseph DiMelfi. . .better known in his fistic heydays as "Young Zulu Kid" is ill in Fort Hamilton Veteran's Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.

▲Jimmy Herring. . .former tough ringster, is celebrating 25 years of wedded bliss.

▲Rocky Rossano. . .former welterweight contender from Brooklyn, N.Y., recently celebrated his 14th Wedding Anniversary. The same day his son Joey celebrated his 7th birthday. Rocky and his lovely wife and two children Patti and Joey, now reside in Highland Falls, N.Y.

▲Chico Vejar. . .former welter and middleweight contender out of Stamford, Connecticut, recently did his usual stint on telethone for Cerebral Palsy, metting with great success to aid these crippled children.

▲Billy Harris. . .manager of tough light-heavy Hal T.N.T. Carroll is looking for work for his tiger. Carroll will fight any of the world's leading contenders.

▲Joe Handley. . .President of the Ladies Auxillary of the I.V.B.A., writes that she is planning an annual banquet for that group, date to be announced in near future.

▲Johnny Rapacs. . .accountant for IVBA Ring #30, recently lost his dear father. Johnny is a great asset to the Veteran Boxers.

CLYDE GRAY BACK IN ACTION

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Toronto — After a lay-off which extended some six months, Canadian and Commonwealth welterweight champion, Clyde Gray (Toronto) returned to action by stopping Beau Jaynes (Boston) in seven rounds.

The fight was held in a T.V. studio and was shown 'live' on a local channel. Jaynes, 145, a journeyman boxer was taking part in his 94th pro fight in a career spread over a decade. He fought a defensive fight for six rounds, but lacked the power or the moves to contain Gray at 147.

After a feeling out period which lasted for the first two rounds, Gray opened up and forced the action in the third. A hard left hook by Gray in the fourth, dropped the game Boston fighter. On his feet, at three, he was given the eight count by referee Harry Davis.

In rounds five and six, Gray was scoring at will, but found it difficult to put away his tough opponent. At the conclusion of the sixth round, which had been a very rough one for Jaynes, his cornerman called a halt to the fight. At the bell to start the seventh round, referee Harry Davis called a halt, giving Gray a T.K.O. in seven. After the completion of six rounds, the official score cards showed that Jaynes had not won a single round.

▲Halifax fight fans will mourn for the loss of Richie 'Kid' Howard, former Canadian lightweight champion, who died at the age of 47 after a long illness. He was a native of Terence Bay, N.S., turned pro in 1945, and nine years after won the Canadian title from Armond Savoi (Montreal). He held the title for six years. Real name James Obed Howard.

▲Stamford Harris, a Jamaician heavyweight, who took up residence in the suburbs outside of Toronto, was shot to death in a bar in Kingston, Jamaica. Harris fought several times in Canada.

▲Toronto — A third rate fight card consisting of four bouts which lasted seventeen rounds, took place at the Royal York Hotel. The main event in which Paul Nilsen (Toronto) was to have met Don Rucker (Buffalo), however, on the day of the press conference after the promoters had gone to great length to inform the news media that Nilsen had been training real hard for the bout, and was looking forward to better things. Lou Bizzaro (Akron) was a decision winner over Don Boulter (Toronto). Mike Schieblood (Akron) stopped Dave Vent (Toronto), at 1.53 of the sixth and final round. Leroy Tolbert (Erie, Pa.) stopped Gary St. Germain (Toronto), at 1.43 of the third round. It took one Johnny Jackson just 2.16 of the initial round, to find a spot on the canvas to take up residence for ten seconds when he faced Horst Geisler (Toronto) in a heavyweight shamble for the second time. Jackson (Buffalo) failed to last six minutes when the two had met previously in Toronto back in 1973.

Gary Summerhays (Brantford) Canadian Light heavyweight champion, although he has to travel South of the border to fight, is by far the most active Canadian champion. Recently in Indianapolis, he dropped a ten round decision to Marvin Johnson of that city. The local press there wrote the fight up as the best seen since 1969, when Henry Hank stopped Mark Tessman. Although a unanimous loser, Summerhays fought and extended Johnson, a former bronze medal winner in the 1972 Olympics, to the limit.

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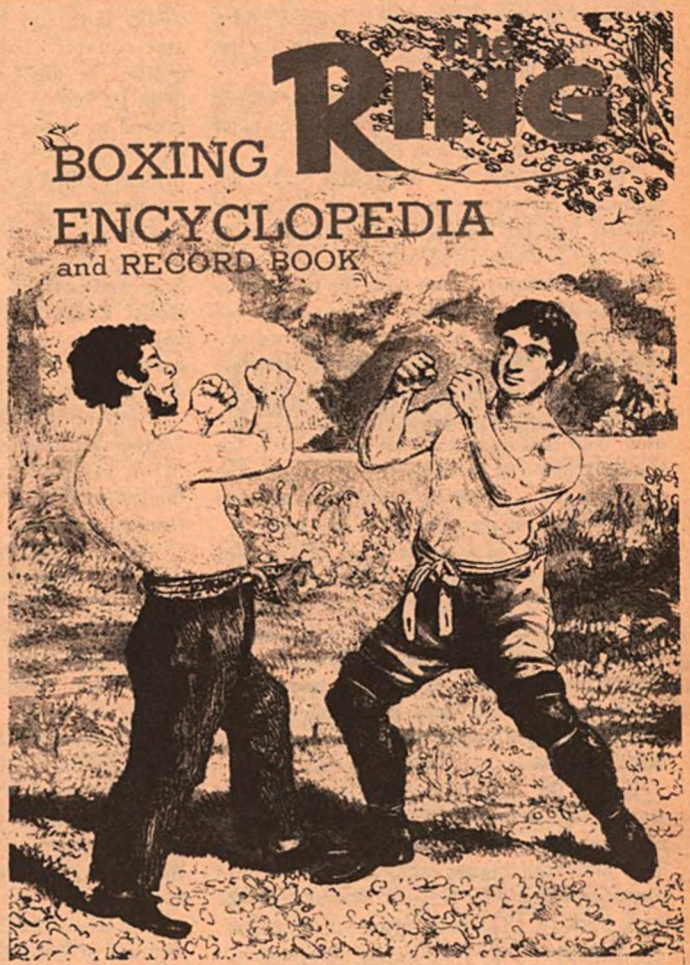

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TIGER FLOWERS MYSTERIOUS DEATH STILL HAUNTS... BOXING WORLD?

(Continued from page 15)

So there we find the Miller-Flowers combination ensconced at the start of 1925, a year destined to bring in more wealth, fame and a definite portion of sadness to the white man who loved a Negro like a brother and a black man who had implicit faith in the white man's judgment.

It was also to bring the first sinister omens of a tragedy that was to lay a heavy hand upon the indomitable duo from Dixie.

For in that year, the outspoken Miller antagonized certain elements on the fringes of fistiana that he later abruptly charged with the Tiger's death. And which charges were almost as abruptly ended with the mysterious death of Miller, himself.

In that year also came the first serious setbacks to the Tiger's career. These were the two meetings with Jack Delaney, nee Ovilia Chapdelaine, the hard-hitting French Canadian who had stopped Paul Berlenbach for the light heavyweight title in four rounds the year before. And Delaney was to prove the Tiger's Nemesis on a couple of occasions.

The two met in January in the Old Garden in a battle that was maddening in tempo and fury while it lasted. After two savage rounds that had the crowd breathless in its expectancy as the fight surged back and forth, Delaney's heavier guns finally told in his favor. Early in the third he connected with his famous right uppercut and the Tiger went down and out.

It was the first time the Tiger had been stopped in over two years of campaigning and was also his first setback in the East. The knockout, however, was not without precedent, for Kid Norfolk had turned the trick back in 1923 and earlier in his career, the Tiger had been put to sleep by Langford, Panama Joe Gans and the Jamaica Kid.

Still, fight followers, who are notoriously short on memory about such things, were amazed at the sudden ending.

So was Walk Miller, but the fight was not over with him yet. The next day that tactless, but courageous individual, marched into the offices of the New York boxing commission and bluntly accused Delaney of taking unfair advantage of his fighter. He charged the Canadian with employing the "gimmick," a gadget identified in inner circles of pugilism as a metal spring which can be slipped into the padded palm of the glove by an expert in such matters and can be very destructive, which explains why modern seconds examine the gloves in the opposite corner so thoroughly and personally superintend their lacing.

As evidence, Miller brought with him Flowers himself, who displayed a badly swollen and peculiar mark on the bridge of his nose, different from that usually left by leather-encased fists. He also pointed out that the Tiger had fallen face forward on all fours like a pole-axed steer when struck and while no one doubted Delaney's ability to stop any fighter, Miller offered these details in extenuation of his argument.

The storm of controversy raged for several days with the result that the commission, by way of pacifying the persistent Miller, ordered a return fight.

This took place in the same arena six weeks later and as a result of the charges and counter charges hurled by the rival camps, the night of the fight found the old plant packed to the rafters. The second fight proved to be very much like the first. Flowers started in his usual whirlwind fashion and instantly filled the air with gloves. Delaney, the personification of coolness under fire, a fine boxer and probably the deadliest hitter the ring has ever seen in his class, bided his time and stalked the rushing Tiger relentlessly. Flowers carried the fight for the first two rounds, but in the third, Delaney uncorked old Mary Ann again and spilled his dusky antagonist on the canvas. The Tiger was up shortly but started down again under another pulverizing right. Delaney, closing in on his prey, let go another right that landed just as Flowers' knees and gloves touched the floor.

The alert Miller, a la Yussel Jacobs, immediately leaped into the ring and claimed a foul. For several minutes, the crowd was in an uproar, Flowers' partisans arguing that Miller was right and Delaney's trying to howl them down. The referee was completely distracted. In that bedlam of shouting and clashing racial prejudices, he pondered fleetingly the weird circumstances of the first fight and what the crowd might do if this one ended at all questionably. So seizing a referee's prerogative rarely exercised even in that day of lax regulations, he ordered the round fought over.

The weakened Tiger was in no shape for a renewal of hostilities with such a devastating foe and soon went down for keeps before the sledge-hammer fists of the handsome Canuck.

The result ended once and for all the question of Delaney's supremacy over the Tiger and the latter acknowledged him as his master with the following typical philosophical comment:

"I don't know whether Mr. Delaney had anything in his glove in that first fight, but I can truly say that he had a lot of fist in it last night."

Thus ended the Flowers-Delaney feud with a flourish of diplomacy by the ever-diplomatic Flowers which might have brought permanent peace for his fistic future. But for the truculent, tactless Miller, the claim of foul, added to his claim of chicanery in the first fight, earned for him a name he was to carry through the rest of his managerial career. Henceforth, he was to be known as "Squawk" Miller. Before boxing's cold, hard judges he had stigmatized himself as a whistle-blowing manager; one who cried copper and could not be trusted. From that time on, Miller was a lone wolf among New York's fight mob, a man whose precipitate actions had ostracized him from their set and made him strictly *persona non grata*.

Flowers' stock also took a sharp tumble after the second Delaney fiasco and he was forthwith tagged for oblivion. But the Tiger fooled them again. About a year later, after he had shaken off the memory of the two quick knockouts and consoled himself with the deeds of Joshua and Joseph from his beloved Scriptures, he came back like a man inspired and once more began blazing a trail through the ranks of middleweights where he had decided to confine his campaigning. His big chance came when, after establishing his supremacy over the rest of the challengers, he was given a crack at Harry Greb's middleweight crown. The busy style of the light hitting but aggressive Harry was more adaptable to the Tiger's own. They met in the New Garden and Flowers removed the crown from the great Pittsburgher's head in 15 hectic rounds.

Greb pleaded lack of condition and Flowers magnanimously gave him a return match six months later. But the Tiger again proved himself master of Harry just as he had been mastered by Delaney; and for the first time since its creation, a colored man bossed the middleweight division.

There followed a brief interlude of peace and prosperity for the Tiger and his manager after the long years of struggles together in reaching the top. Few champions have worn their laurels more lightly and with more dignity than the Tiger. As for the fiery Miller, pugilism's Stormy Petrel at last was at peace with himself and the world.

Down in Atlanta, Flowers built a $50,000 mansion and the world—both white and black—beat a path to his door. Here lived the humble Flowers, but not exactly happily, for his simple soul had never craved such luxury. Visitors, as a rule, found him sitting on his glass-enclosed porch or in his parlor, reading his tattered testament and fearful that Jehovah in his wrath might send a bolt to blast him from his palatial surroundings. The character of Lazarus particularly intrigued him for here he found a counterpart more captivating to his fancies than he from whose table Lazarus purloined his crumbs.

In these forebodings, Flowers was almost prophetic. For the chaplet of honor and glory was destined not to linger long upon his brow. Fearless of any fighter within pounds of his weight, the Tiger was not one to refuse any worthy foe a chance at his crown, so we find him defending his newly won championship against Mickey Walker, the celebrated Toy Bulldog, in Chicago on December 7, 1926. (Pearl Harbor was to come on the same date fifteen years later, ironically).

Mickey, another who scorned weight odds, had been decisively trounced by Greb in a titanic 15-round struggle in New York

the summer before while holder of the welterweight title. He subsequently lost this to Pete Latzo and was being looked upon as being washed up as a fighter.

However, under the masterly maneuvering of the late Jack Kearns, he put on a comeback and won recognition as Flowers' logical challenger for the middleweight title.

When the 10 rounds were over in Chicago, an astounded audience was greeted with the spectacle of seeing Walker's soggy glove raised by Referee Benny Yanger, oldtime featherweight. Newspapermen at the ringside, almost without exception, had scored the fight in Flowers' favor. Miller was amazed and incensed and tried to have the decision reversed, but in this tactic was unsuccessful. He, to be brief, had lost more of his standing as a plaintiff.

During the signing of articles for the fight, Miller had insisted on a clause whereby Walker, in the event he won, would give Flowers a return bout within 90 days. He and the Tiger were heartbroken but were cheered by the possibility of a return bout, feeling sure Flowers would regain his title. This, however, proved a vain hope for Kearns and Walker had other plans.

Meanwhile, rumors of a $50,000 bet placed on Walker in New York by Kearns reached Miller's ears and when the 90 days were up and nothing had happened, Flowers' tenacious manager got busy. He notified the N.B.A. and every boxing commission not affiliated with that body of Kearns' repudiation and sent out photostatic copies of the contract to sports editors to back up his demands for a return fight.

The Tiger started back to the wars again and by now was being bothered by dizzy spells. He consulted various physicians who assured him these were being caused by a sinus growth. Old cuts over his left eye were said to have aggravated this condition. As the months wore on, these spells became more frequent and lasting in pain. He and Miller discussed the advisability of surgery, but as Harry Greb had died the previous fall from a similar operation, both were loath to risk such a course.

Miller, however, continued to consult surgeons, both in New York and Atlanta. They assured him that in skillful hands, it would be a minor operation at worst. All the while Flowers continued suffering and after boxing Pete Latzo and getting hit several punches that almost blinded him and having attacks of dizziness while doing road work, forcing him to stop and sit down, he decided to submit to the operation.

Although a deacon in the church and fairly well educated, Flowers had never been completely weaned away from voodoo charms and fetishes, so cherished by his ancestors. And he could not get the picture of Harry Greb out of his mind. But he had a childlike faith in Miller's judgment and when the latter informed him his career as a fighter was over unless his trouble could be cured, the Tiger replied:

"It is the Lord's will and if you agree with Him, it shall be done."

So, clutching his well-worn Bible and murmuring the Lord's Prayer, the Tiger in November, 1927, walked to the operating room. Dr. Wilfred Fraelick, a New York surgeon who had won a certain amount of recognition as a specialist in fighters' ailments, had been selected to perform the operation. Dr. Fraelick had a private hospital of his own and there the Tiger was taken.

Miller remained with Flowers until he went under ether, and unable to stand the suspense any longer, he returned to his offices, which were in the Knickerbocker Annex at 42nd and Broadway. He had been informed by the hospital that he would be notified when the Tiger came out from under the anaesthetic.

In order to relieve his mind, he busied himself with office work while awaiting the call.

The hours dragged by until well into the afternoon and Miller, glancing nervously at his watch, suddenly realized that the time for the call had long passed. Frantically he called the hospital. A voice on the other end informed him that he had best come there at once.

White-faced and terror-stricken, Miller arrived to learn that his worst fears were justified. An attendant informed him that Flowers was dead; that he had never come out from under the ether. Collapsing into a chair, Miller sobbed brokenly—"They have killed my champion."

Flowers' body was returned to Atlanta where it lay in state at the City Auditorium with thousands of admirers viewing the flower-banked casket. This mourning of its great boxing heroes was to become a trilogy of tragedy for Georgians for in less than two years, they brought Walk Miller's body home to the Peach State and five years later, they were to bury Young Stribling, killed in a prosaic motorcycle accident. Since the death of these great figures, a pall has settled over Georgia fight clubs and the boxing game is virtually unknown there today.

Now for the third and last chapter of the Flowers-Miller mystery: Shortly after Miller's death Dr. Wilfred Fraelick, the distinguished surgeon who had operated on both Flowers and Greb, was stricken and died suddenly with no previous signs of illness.

And, at about the same time, from Chicago, came the news that Benny Yanger, the referee of the Flowers vs. Walker fight that touched off the chain of events that led to this series of tragedies, was found dead in a wrecked automobile on the shores of Lake Michigan.

The wagering on the Flowers-Walker fight was among the heaviest in history and Yanger apparently was the only one present who thought that Walker had won.

His explanation was that Flowers undoubtedly was far out in front on points but that most of his blows were struck with an open glove while Walker, although he landed fewer punches, did the most damage because he hit with his fists closed.

Thus a trio of tragedies now became a foursome. So far as is known, the newspapers and public of that period accepted all as being of natural or accidental causes although the New York Daily Mirror did dig rather deeply into the series of episodes to no effect. But is there another story behind the chain of macabre events and will it come to light some day? Could an unsuccessful operation, a pistol shot, a sudden illness and an auto accident—all within the span of two years—involving three of the participants in a highly disputed boxing decision for a world's championship in the City of Chicago all be acts of God?

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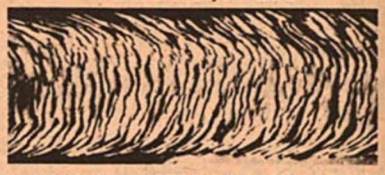

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WHEN DO FIGHTERS SAY FAREWELL

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a notable role in the picture, "GI Joe."

The specific span of a fighter was easiest to spell out in the instance of another middleweight champion, Billy Soose. An unnaturally rangy 160-pounder, he was an even 6 feet. He came by a natural jab and he was blessed by a straight right.

Worry about anything? Are you kidding? He just went along with a big grin on his face. He moved up in the late 1930s, from Penn State, and he achieved something record-wise which has never been duplicated.

In the summer of 1940 Billy scored victories over two champions over-the-weight within 28 days. And I saw both of them, over Ken Overlin (New York-recognized) at Scranton, Pa., in a never-stop rainfall, and over Tony Zale (NBA ruler) at Chicago in an otherwise routine bout. He later beat Overlin again to become New York champion for real.

But Soose was unfortunate enough to run into World War II. He joined the Navy, as a boxing instructor. Life as a tutor was pleasant for him but it piled weight around the hips. He eventually tried a comeback as a light-heavyweight but he realized it was too tough making weight.

With a possible career as a heavyweight ahead of him—he was eating fast and furiously—Billy said, "No, thanks," and then added a postscript, "Pass the butter, please." No trauma, no pain. He had bought a tract of land earlier at Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa., as a possible training camp. He expanded it as home sites along the lake. He saw its possibilities and increased his holdings. By about 1960 his property made him the ring's first real estate millionaire. And it never happened to a more cheerful guy.

They all came and went in their own time, leaving as fate dedicated it. . .Benny Leonard licked everybody as lightweight champion and, when he came back after three years, you knew he was going to get murdered by Jimmy McLarnin. . .Willie Pep was a glorious figure of speed outclassing the featherweights but there was no mystery when he got a bit old and fell into the clutches of Sandy Saddler. . .Mickey Walker delighted everybody as the rootin' tootin' Toy Bulldog but a shrewd old-timer named Tex Sullivan recalls that he was taking too much of a beating and predicted his finish in a nursing home. But when do they go? There is no rule of thumb except to quit one fight too soon. It's safer, believe me.

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BOXING AT CAPITAL CENTRE THRIVING IN IT'S NEW ARENA...

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Centre. But the financial response was mixed at best, as many Baltimore fans felt it was unsafe to come downtown at night.

But Hanover now believes that with the surburban location of the Capital Centre, fan reluctance is a thing of the past. "You see we've got one of the best arena's in the country," said an obviously satisfied Hanover. "It's only about 40 minutes away from Baltimore and people in the Washington suburbs can get here in about 30 minutes. It's the most comfortable arena I've ever seen, the service is great and the big thing is that it's safe. The security here is the best."

And so the boxing drum is beating strongly in the Washington suburbs. Fans and press reaction alike has been gratifying.

"The Capital Centre is going to be a great fistic bowl, some day it's going to be the Mecca of East Coast Boxing," said Hanover, borrowing a page from Madison Square Garden. "It's just a matter of time."

SWEDEN BARS BOXING, STILL HAS FIGHTERS

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Heavyweight Hasse Thomsen, who became a national idol after winning an Olympic bronze medal at Munich, turned pro early in 1973. He has had 5 fights in Spain, Germany and Norway but is now, at 31, talking about retirement, after nearly 20 years of fighting.

Hasse was at first piloted by Eddie Ahlqvist, but when the famous Ingemar Johansson advisor suddenly lost interest in the Munich hero, Thomsen made Benny Ljungberg, a TV actor and former boxer, his manager.

Last summer, 35-year-old Ljunberg increased his stable of fighters with three top Swedish amateurs and champions, light heavyweight Branko Mikek, middleweight Roland Ahlin and welterweight Rolf Karlsson. The boys are now campaigning for top positions at the European ranking list — and they will also be open for offers from US promoters.

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JOHNNY BALDWIN MAD MAN MAD JOHNNIE

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Baldwin feels that a fighter is just a fighter and that anyone feeling that he is a true champion of the world will box anyone. The kinds of opponents that Baldwin is highly interested in by his own admission would be "Murderers Row" in boxing. He is interested in boxing Emile Griffith, Bennie Briscoe, Rodrigo Valdez, and Carlos Monzon. Baldwin is ambitious as well as courageous. It is interesting to note, though, that the probability of these fighters opposing Baldwin may not be realistic, for their managers fear that their fighters cannot get the job done. In the coming months, boxing fans will get a chance to witness whether the above mentioned names are brought up as opponents for this talented and ambitious young boxer.

Baldwin in his young career had some hard nuts to crack, but he has prevailed. Such people as Don Cobbs from St. Louis, Charlie Austin of Beaumont, Texas; Norwood Coty from New Orleans, Bruce Scott from Beaumont, and Adam Moore of New Orleans, have all been victims of the KO punch delivered by the Houston Mad Man, John Baldwin. He has in his 29 fights secured no less than 23 knockouts in search of a legitimate opponent that may rise in quest of stopping his winning streak and who carries the credentials of being a top contending fighter, so that he, in turn, if victorious, may open the door to his own shot at the crown.

So who is next to challenge the Mad Mad Baldwin?

ROSSMAN GETS BIG SCARE

By ED SCULLEN

The well received card at Capital Centre was headed by two co-feature ten rounders. In one, New Yorkers Mike Rossman (No. 7 U.S. middleweight) and veteran Matt Donovan squared off; in the companion ten rounder, it was a re-match between Leo Kid Saenz (No. 9 U.S. middleweight) and crowd pleasing Bruce Cantrell. Five six rounders filled out the under card.

The Saenz-Cantrell matchup produced the fight of the night while the Rossman-Donovan battle produced the best round.

In the Rossman-Donovan bout, 19 year-old Rossman found the herky-jerky style of Donovan almost impossible to figure out for the first six rounds. But in the seventh frame, the Turnersville, N.J. native began to get the hang of things as he dropped Donovan via a nice left-right combination. Donovan managed to rally as the round closed, but it seemed only a matter of time before Rossman would end things.

Rossman charged out hard in the eighth, in what was to be the best round of the evening. Backing his man into the ropes, he began tagging Donovan with one combination after another. The native Trinidadian's legs wobbled until a chopping right following a combination, deposited him on the canvas.

Rossman rushed in with kill written in his eyes, and it might have been curtains for Donovan had he not pawed out with a straight left fouling Rossman in the cup area. Referee Joe Bunsa was behind Rossman and apparently didn't see the maneuver.

Be that as it may, Donovan slipped neatly away along the ropes and finished the round strongly with Rossman on the receiving end of some heavy leather.

On advice from his corner, Rossman boxed cautiously in the next two rounds to secure the decision. The scoring of the officials revealed what a tough opponent Donovan was: referee Joe Bunsa scored 47-44 Rossman; Judge Larry Barrett 48-45 Rossman; and Judge Harry Cecchini 47-46 Rossman.

In the companion ten, Leo Saenz 158½, Potomac, Md. pounded out a unanimous decision over Bruce Cantrell 150½, Spartanburg, S.C. The pair had fought to a split decision favoring Saenz late in 1974. This time Leo was able to put on a smoother performance and won in handy fashion.

The scoring, all for Saenz: referee Bunsa 49-44; judge Barrett 49-42; judge Cecchini 49-45.

Cantrell indicated afterwards that he planned to drop back into the welterweight division, a decision which should do wonders for a sagging 14-8 mark compiled against middleweights. "I'm not going to fight those big wild men anymore," he said before leaving.

In the five preliminary bouts, each scheduled for six rounds, only one went the full distance.

Ron Green, 138, Baltimore KO'd John Howard, 132¾, Richmond in the fourth round of the night's opening bout. Howard made a game showing but the much younger Green had too much fire power.

Louis Rogan, 190¾, Beckley, W. Va. made a surprisingly good showing in his first Capital Centre appearance. His opponent was the highly touted Al Migliorato, 210, Wampum, Penn. Migliorato had compiled a 23-0-1 record in Miami Beach, and was touted as a real comer until he ran into Rogan, a former Continental League football player.

Migliorato, wearing a pair of eye-catching yellow paisley trunks, came storming out in the first frame, pinning Rogan against the ropes with his stiff punching. But Migliorato slowed to a crawl after the first minute and Rogan finished the round.

Migliorato out fast in round two, and after some wrestling on the ropes, the two moved to center ring. Migliorato now bored in with lefts and rights, it seemed as if he wanted to go home early. Migliorato missed with a wicked left to the head, Rogan landed a short right on the button. Big Al went down as if he were poleaxed. Migliorato managed to crawl to the nearest corner and was till trying to pull himself erect, when the count reached ten.

In the only preliminary bout which went the distance, Washington's John Berry, 231, dropped a decision to Baltimorean Wendell Bailey, 198½. After an even first round, Berry had Bailey groggy against the ropes midway through round two. Berry pulled out all the stops in trying to halt Bailey, but could never quite put things together. Bailey came on with some smooth boxing in the later rounds to edge out a decision.

The final two bouts of the night came on following the 10 rounders and produced only three rounds of boxing.

Tim "Blue" Walker, 141½, Washington TKO'd Larry Moore, 138½, Martinsburg, W. Va. in round two. The first round was concluded in nearly even fashion. In round two, Walker began to come on, landing some telling shots to the head and body. After a clinch, the two moved to long range with Walker landing a not very hard straight left to the jaw. It must have been the right spot, however, for Moore's knees hit the canvas, he then staggered to the opposite set of ropes where the referee checking his eyes, wisely called a halt.

And in a windup light heavyweight bout, Smokey Joe Middleton, Washington KO'd Bobby Hayes Galion, Ohio in round one.

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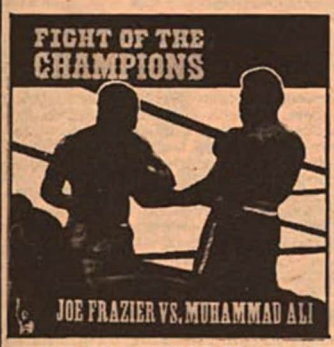

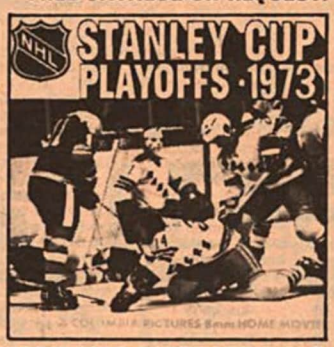

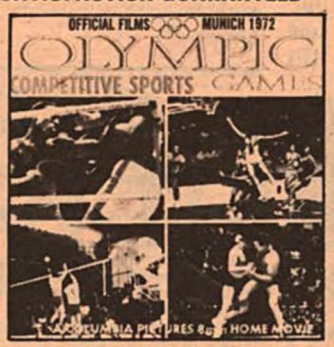

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year pro career, gave him a 30-2-1 record. His only other reversal was a 12-round decision to Jerry Quarry. He has 21 knockouts.

The loss snapped a two-year winning streak that saw Lyle win over Gregorio Peralta, Jose Luis Garcia, Jurgen Blin, Oscar Bonavena, Jimmy Ellis and Boone Kirkman.

Last year was Young's best year, as evidenced by a draw with Earnie Shavers and a decision victory over Garcia in Caracas, Venezuela.

Chickie Ferrara, Lyle's trainer, credited Young's quick hands and his confusing style with his well-earned victory.

"Despite the loss, Ron still fought a good fight," he said. "Young really didn't do any more than what we were prepared for. But, inside the ring it's a different story and Young was the better fighter tonight. His style got him the win."

Despite the loss, Lyle is still aiming for a title fight with Muhammad Ali.

"One loss doesn't end a career, and it won't kill mine," Lyle said afterward. "I came back well from the Quarry setback and I have time and all the desire in the world to do it again. I know the loss hurts my chances, but only one other fighter in the Top 10 (George Foreman) has as few as one loss. Even Ali and (Joe) Frazier have lost twice."

Bill Daniels, Lyle's business partner, said the chief goal is to get a title fight, and is currently working on that possibility.

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Tampa — High ranking light heavyweight contender Mike Quarry, 179½, Orlando, pounded out a hard-fought but unanimous 10-round decision over Jose (King) Roman, 183¼, San Juan and Tampa, in the feature bout at Ft. Hesterly Armory.

Quarry, in winning his fifth straight bout en route to another title shot, suffered a pair of badly puffed and lacerated eyes as a result of Roman's persistent butting. There were no knockdowns during the hotly contested battle.

Trainer Bill Watkins and manager Pete Ashlock did a fine job of treating Quarry's battered countenance, while Bill Prezant, Lou Gross, and manager Bill Daly worked with Roman. The Quarry camp continually protested Roman's dirty tactics, but to no avail. Nevertheless, Mike was a clear winner according to all three judges: Bob Diaz (99-95), Sam Klein (97-96), and Derrell Brown (97-95).

Quarry's cuts cost him a pair of scheduled fights, including a Dallas date with Billy Wagner, and a Stockton match with Indian Yaqui Lopez.

The semifinal eight-rounder saw Victor (Taco) Perez, 155½, Orlando, avenge a pair of earlier defeats as he whipped Eddie Davis, 154½, Tampa, unanimously. Perez, with revenge on his mind, showed that the third time is a charm, and added icing to the cake by breaking Davis' jaw along the way.

Nat Gates, 174½, Sarasota, outboxed Sweet Marlon Lewis, 174½, Tampa, for a six-round split decision. The opening four-rounder saw Willie Chaney, 154, Tampa, stop debuting Jim Mackin, 158¼, Tampa; early in the second round. A three-round amateur scrap ended in a draw between Scott Clark, 150, Orlando, and Ricky Zwiercan, 150, St. Pete.

Some 1,400 fans witnessed the Floyd Golden-Joe Brady presentation.

▲**Tampa** — Undefeated Tony Licata, the top ranking middleweight contender, had a narrow escape with game Marcel Clay, 161, Miami, but eked out a narrow 10-round duke.

Licata, coming off a long layoff, remained undefeated in boosting his record to 48-0-1, but was hard-pressed to hold off the determined Clay, who is sponsored by the Miami-based Mendoza Group. Clay, the recipient of a hairline defeat that could have gone either way or been a draw, is now 17-7.

Making his local debut, Mike Morgan (Glenn's brother) dropped Ernie Burns of Miami in the second round, and went on to win a unanimous 10-rounder in the semifinal spot. Morgan can bang and is certain to be a big draw here. Both men weighed 158.

Sarasota light heavy Nat Gates took a unanimous six-rounder from Lonnie Robbins, of Altamonte Springs. Debuting middleweight Henry (Tiger) Hall outpointed Willie Chaney in an all-Tampa four-rounder, and Tampa middleweight James Mackin returned to stop debuting Mike Moracz of Miami in the third round.

▲**Brunswick, Ga.** — Victor (Taco) Perez, 152, Orlando, traveled north to pound out a unanimous 10-round decision over local hero Leon Futch, 156, Brunswick, on promoter Genoa Martin's first show at Selden Park. Perez, whose career got off to a shaky start when he managed and trained himself, has come on of late and turned himself around. Trainer Jimmy Williams and cornerman Bruce Trampler handled the Pete Ashlock-managed Perez.

In the only other pro bout, longtime amateur sensation Charles (Babe) Clark, 177, Brunswick, scored a second-round knockout over Willie (Tornado) Smith, 185, also of Brunswick. It was the paid debut for each man.

▲**Orlando** — Promoter Pete Ashlock's first show of the year at his Sports Stadium was a real rock 'em, sock 'em affair, as all five pro bouts and both amateur matches ended in kayos.

Earnie Shavers, 210, Warren, Ohio, returned here for the first time in five years and scored a kayo at 2:55 of the first round over southpaw Leon Shaw, 220, Jacksonville. Shavers, in running his record to 47-4-1 with 46 knockouts, had his game opponent down twice, the final time for the full count.

Shavers was handled by manager Joseph (Blackie) Genaro and trainer Frank Luca, who were reunited, for at least this one night, with former partner and ex-big league pitching ace Dean Chance, a ringside visitor.

The scheduled 10-round co-feature was stopped in the seventh round, with Orlando's Victor (Taco) Perez, 151, beating on gutty but washed up Robert (Songbird) Williams, 149, Memphis. Referee Tony Ortega had to halt the massacre as Williams, who has fought most of the top middleweights, welters, and even many ranking light heavies, was not returning the fire.

Perez, who is shotting for main event status locally, recorded his ninth win in his last 10 outings and improved his record a notch further to its present 23-21-1.

A classic light heavyweight punchout between slugging Virgil Gibson, 176, Daytona Beach, and sharpshooting Charles (Babe) Clark, 174½, Brunswick, Ga., ended at 0:40 of round five. Gibson, who had Clark down in the third round, was himself flattened for the full count two rounds later in a wild affair.

▲Orlando fans (there were 1,919 on hand this evening) have a new favorite in undefeated slugger Edgar Ross, an import from Birmingham, Alabama, and the latest addition to the Pete Ashlock stable. Ross, 162, battered courageous Henry (Tiger) Hall, 156, Tampa, into a TKO defeat at the 1:00 mark of the fifth round, a real Pier 6 brawl that had the crowd on its feet most of the way.

The curtain-raiser ended quickly as debuting Tommy (Killer) Ellis, 161¼, Orlando, nailed city rival Charles Thornton, 156, in the first round with a picture left hook, and then another couple of hooks as Thornton was descending toward the canvas. Thornton, also turning pro in this one, claimed he was caught cold and asked for a rematch. The time was 1:50.

Amateur welterweight sensation Scott Clark, a 16-year-old Lyman High student, gained a first-round TKO over Grant Simms in an all-Orlando contest, while Willie Jordan, Tampa heavyweight prospect, stopped George Wesley Smith of Zellwood in the third of another amateur battle.

▲**Punch Lines** — Orlando's Pete Ashlock, who also promotes in Houston, Albuquerque, and Corpus Christi, hopes to run shows every two weeks throughout the year at his Orlando Sports Stadium. . .Jim Hayes, the general manager of the Sports Stadium, is gaining national recognition for his stirring renditions of the National Anthem. . .Ashlock plans to domicile the mainstays of his stable in Orlando, where they have available the beautiful and modern Sports Stadium gym to train. . .working out daily are light heavy contender Irish Mike Quarry, rugged middleweight Irish Gene Wells, undefeated heavyweight Johnny Boudreaux, local junior middleweight favorite Victor (Taco) Perez, unbeaten lightweight hope Maurice (Termite) Watkins, tough newcomer Edgar Ross at 165 pounds, and a flock of preliminary fighters.

Just 90 miles down the road in Tampa, Lou Viscusi has his charges (Tony Licata, heavyweights Larry Renaud and Jose Roman who is on loan from Bill Daly, light heavyweight Walter White, middleweights John Pinney and Glenn and Mike Morgan, and welter J. T. Dowe), all working out. . .Veteran contender Manny Gonzalez often jets in from Houston to work with Licata. . .to the north, things are slow in Jacksonville, but the Florida east coast is seeing shows now in Daytona Beach, St. Augustine, and Fernandina Beach, all of the club variety. . .Daytona banker Doug Brady is developing his pair of prospects, light heavy Virgil Gibson and lightweight Larry Peterson.

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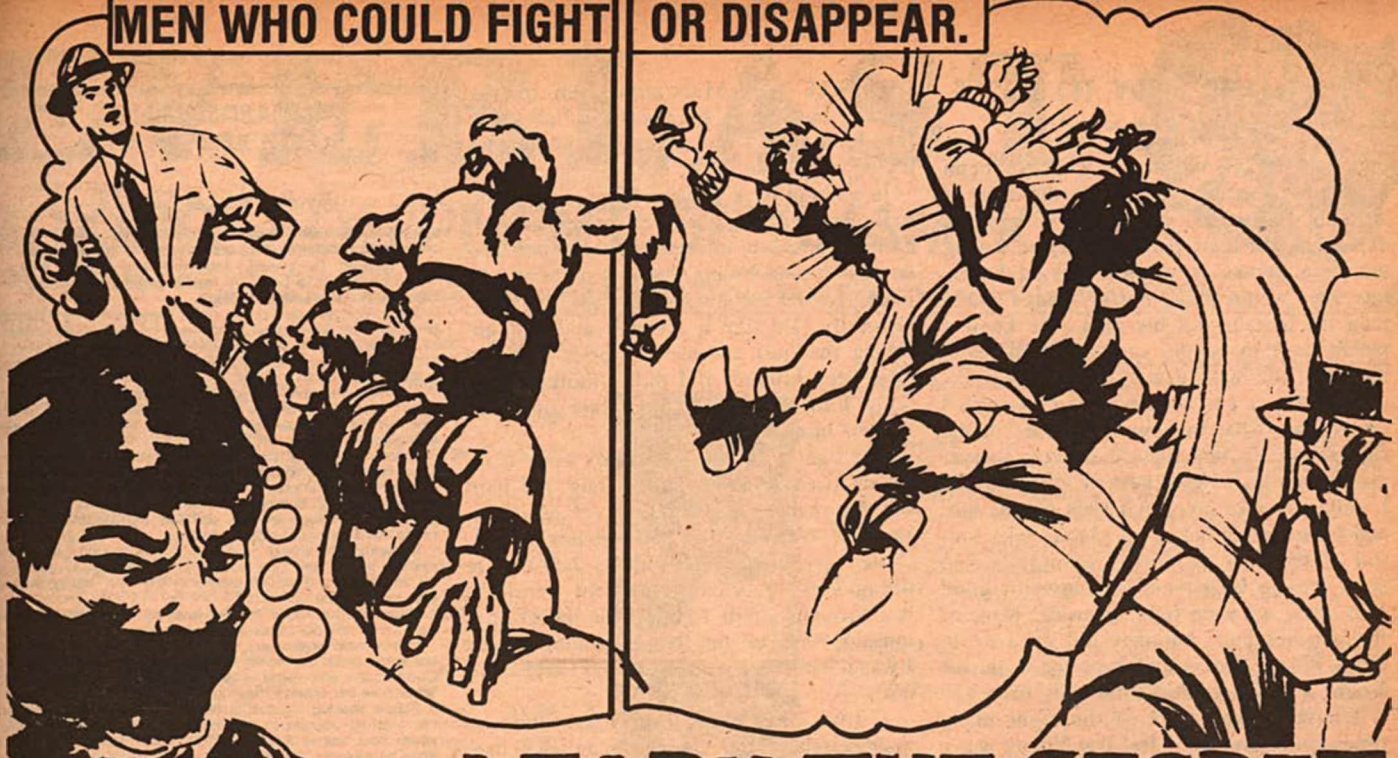

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puncher. Of my 30 wins, 21 have been knockouts. I'm not a mover in the style of Ali, but I can hold my own with anyone, depending on their particular style. Young has been known as a good moving boxer, one who would move out of danger rather than try to take out his man. We knew I would have to be the aggressor throughout the fight, and that's exactly what happened.

Normally I am a slow starter because I like to see what my opponent does in the first round. In this fight, however, I came out quicker than I ever have. I felt good and I wanted to take command right off the bat, and force Young out of his plan to take control of the bout. It worked for awhile, but soon Young began connecting with good lefts while we were fighting inside. None of the punches hurt, but they did do a lot to throw off my timing and force me to pursue Young a lot longer than I normally like.

I have looked back at the fight many times, and never did I feel that Young was a threat to hurt me with his lefts. Mostly they were of the irritating kind that kept me off balance. I'm sure his punches were looked upon more favorably by the judges because they could see his blows better than my inside punches. My inside attack was going well because I could tell Young was starting to slow up and hurt a bit. But, every time I felt good about going to the head after body exchanges, he would back up and prevent me from doing any damage.

I have a lot of respect for Young because he's going to be a great one in the next few years. In fact, he's probably the only good young prospect coming up in the division. Not only is he talented, but he's smart and that caused me as much trouble as his left hooks.

Young got his second wind in about the seventh round, and that made it more difficult to score with the punches necessary to win. Repeatedly he was tying me up inside, and the referee was lax in not warning Young about holding and hitting. After all, he penalized me for low blows but chose to ignore the same violations by Young. Obviously, I don't expect favors, but I think the referee was leaning toward Young's side and wasn't being fair at all.

No excuses, though. I knew the fight was going in his favor late in the seventh round, and knew that I had to knock him out in order to win. Naturally, when you're in this position, much of your style is thrown to the winds. By now I was taking chances trying to land that punch, but because of Young's lack of a strong punch I was never in trouble of being hurt.

I knew I had lost the fight fair and square. I don't know if it was a bad night for me and a good night for him. I didn't feel exceptionally sharp during the early part of the fight, and had trouble concentrating on the fight. I do want to make one thing clear—I DID NOT have Muhammad Ali on my mind. I have never overlooked a fight for a future one, and I was aware that Young was my opponent that night, not Ali.

In looking back I guess I just wasn't putting everything together well enough to win. There is no doubt in my mind that I'm a better fighter than Young, but that night he was in charge and had everything going his way. Naturally, I'd like a rematch and I'm not saying that just because my pride and ego have been bruised. If I didn't think I could whip him, I would concentrate on other fighters instead.

The fight with Ali looks bleak now. It's a shame because I've worked long and hard for the chance, and should have got it instead of Wepner. Too bad the boxing regulatory agencies can't do more than they're doing now in order to prevent unranked heavyweights from fighting for the championship. After all, my No. 3 ranking proved I was a legitimate contender, and I feel I still am.

I don't feel my career must undergo another rebuilding effort such as what happened after the Quarry loss. I'm a proven contender now, and even the great ones like Ali, Foreman, Frazier, Quarry and Ken Norton have all been defeated within the last 18 months. Why should anyone count me out because of my first loss in two years, and still ballyhoo the others? They lost too, and they've come back. It's ludicrous to think that I'm washed up because of the loss to Young. I've beaten other good heavyweights, such as Larry Middleton (twice), Buster Mathis, Gregorio Peralta, Jurgen Blin, Jose Luis Garcia, Boone Kirkman, Jimmy Ellis and Oscar Bonavena.

My goals haven't changed because of the recent loss. I still want an opportunity to fight for the title, and I feel I deserve the chance. It's not asking too much, is it? I'm always in top shape and my punching reputation speaks for itself. If guys like Wepner, Jose "King" Roman, Terry Stander and Ron Stander can fight for the title, why can't I?

My business partner, Bill Daniels, who also owns the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association, has been contacted by various business friends hoping to lure Ali to Denver for a title fight. They can put up the money, if Ali will just say OK to the fight. Any time and any place. I'm certainly a better drawing card than Wepner, even with the last loss.

Until I get that opportunity, we're going to keep going with our eyes forward. The loss is in the past, and that's where it will stay in my mind. I'm not going to ignore all the positive things I've accomplished because of the Young setback. I didn't do it when I lost to Quarry, and I'm not about to do it now.

The boxing public knows of my intense dedication and desire. It hasn't changed at all!

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RICHARDS RETAINS SOUTH AFRICAN TITLE

By RONALD SCOTT

Pretoria — Jimmy Richards, lighter and faster than he has looked in years, retained his South African heavyweight title in a 12 round points win over Mike Schutte in the Badminton Hall.

While Schutte relied on his usual blundering style, Richards produced fast punches with skill—and that was all he needed.

Schutte's pattern was the one we know well. He literally crowds his opponent out of the fight. His favorite battling ground is the clinch.

But Richards gave him no rest. He opened a gash between Mike's eyes in the 3rd in what looked like a clash of heads. Keeping his distance, he broke through Schutte's guard with well-placed left jabs.

Jimmy has never shown a devastating punch and here again he relied on combinations to pile up points.

Schutte's first impressive round was the 7th, when he flustered Jimmy with deft blows to the body. He kept the champion worried through the 8th and 9th, but still the fight was made dull by those repetitive clinches.

Richards, still ahead on points after 9 rounds, came back strongly in the 10th. The challenger had enough in reserve to do an imitation of the Ali shuffle in the 11th and go wading into Jimmy in the 12th.

Mike took that round, but Richards had already secured his own crown with his clever two-fisted raids.

In the main preliminary, little Gert Craemer, who fights in the same camp as Richards, did Pretoria proud. He whipped Coert Fourie, who came in taller and heavier, on a TKO in the 9th to take the South African junior middleweight title.

Fourie, making his third doomed attempt to grab a national title, had no counter to the wildcat from Billy Lotter's camp, which now boasts three SA champions—Richards, Craemer and Dirk van der Westhuizen, the junior welterweight champ.

Craemer spent four rounds on the retreat. Fourie, who comes in with his left glove dangling like a sore paw, relied on his right, but while he stalked Craemer, waiting for a gap to land a KO punch, Craemer kept stinging him with swift counter-attacks.

Craemer turned aggressor in the 5th, made up for his shorter reach with looping hooks, most of them wild and wide, but enough of them landed to wear Fourie down.

Craemer had all the skill and all the strength of punch. Fourie had durability—and nothing else. Gert switched on all his power in the ninth to put Coert down for two 8 counts. Fourie was reeling again, ripe for another knockdown, when ref Willie Lock saved him from a battering by halting the fight.

DAWIE DU PREEZ KAYOED BY KOSIE SMITH

By ED CLARK

Durban — The light heavyweight title fight between champion Dawie du Preez and hard punching Kosie Smith, a former title holder was one of the worst title fight seen in years at the City Hall.

Smith was adjudged to be the winner on a T.K.O. in the seventh as du Preez who was caught in a arm-lock, was hurled to the floor by Smith and on rising, grimaced in pain. The referee, Jack Bryant ordered the men to box on, but du Preez went over to Smith's corner to remonstrate with second Alan Toweel for shouting instructions during the fight. Referee Bryant, called the boxers together and lectured them. Smith threw a punch at du Preez, who retaliated and in the melee, the boxers and referee fell to the floor. When order was restored, Smith was declared the winner.

It was an untidy fight with few clean blows. du Preez was down twice in the first round, and Smith was wild with his blows and in the second, du Preez was again sent to the canvas. In the third after a clinch, Smith hurled du Preez over the ropes outside the ring and was warned. Clinches marred the fourth and the fifth had the crowd giving them the slow-clap. The referee called the boxers together for a long talk in the sixth, but wrestling their way along the fight proceeded to the controversial ending.

A packed city hall crowd got their money's worth when Cape Town's Les Baker turned in a polished display to clearly outbox Kokkie Olivier over 8 rounds in the junior welter-weight division. In the first three rounds, Baker, who was faster, peppered Olivier with a variety of blows and Olivier was warned for hitting behind the head. His tactics of holding caused Baker problems, but noticable throughout the fight was Olivier's glaring habit of constantly looking to his corner for advice of what to do. Baker was the cleverer, winning at least five of the rounds. In the last round, Olivier moving quickly out of his corner, cut Baker's right eyebrow.

Errol Heath KO'd Tienie Oosthuizen, 1, light-heavy-weights; Dominic Germishuys iced Steve Els, 3, middleweights; Sydney Bensch outscored Chris du Plessis, 4, middles.

▲East London — Joe Hali almost made it, but at the end of his junior middleweight fight against highly touted Maxwell Malinga, he lost the 10 round decision. Hali using his left hook to advantage, had Malinga on the canvas in the fourth and fifth rounds but failed to take advantage and lost a golden opportunity.

Mzukisi "Wonderboy" Skweyiya decisioned experienced Bashew Sibacaover 10 rounds to win the Cape Bantamweight title.

Cape welterweight title holder Griffiths Mgijima convincingly beat Joe Ndhlovu on points over six rounds. Mgimima sent Ndhlovu to the canvas three times in the fifth, and also cut his left eye in the same round.

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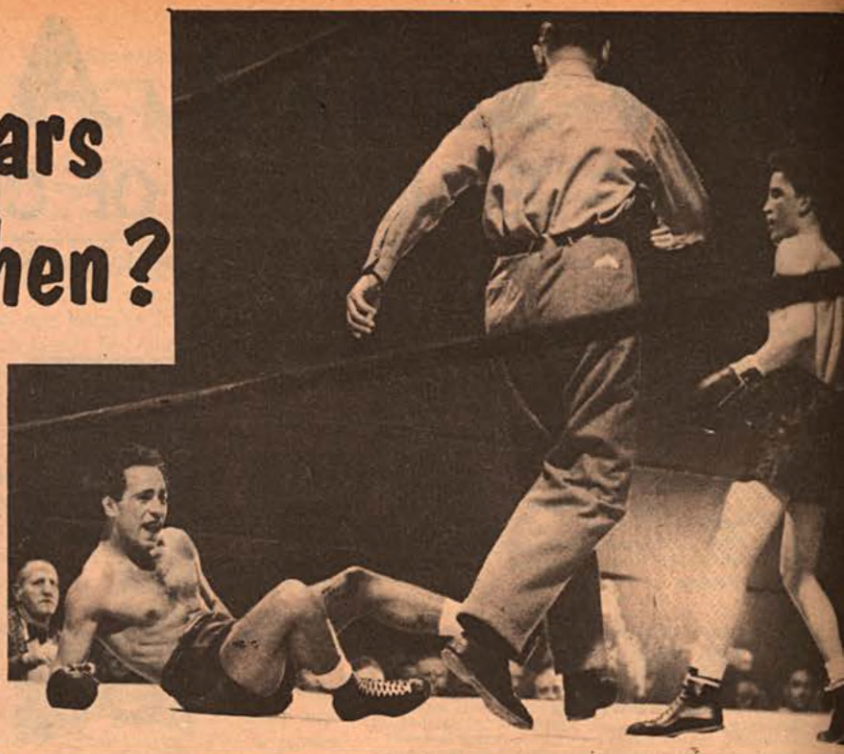
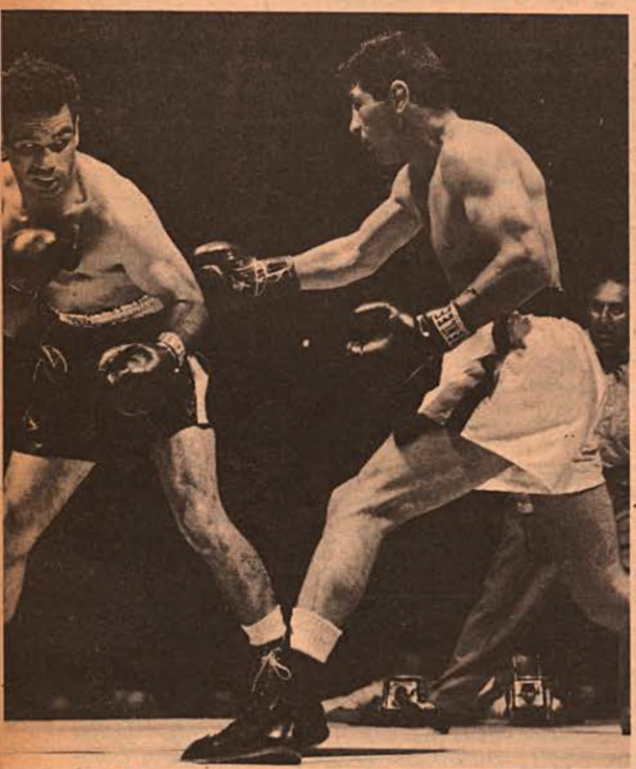
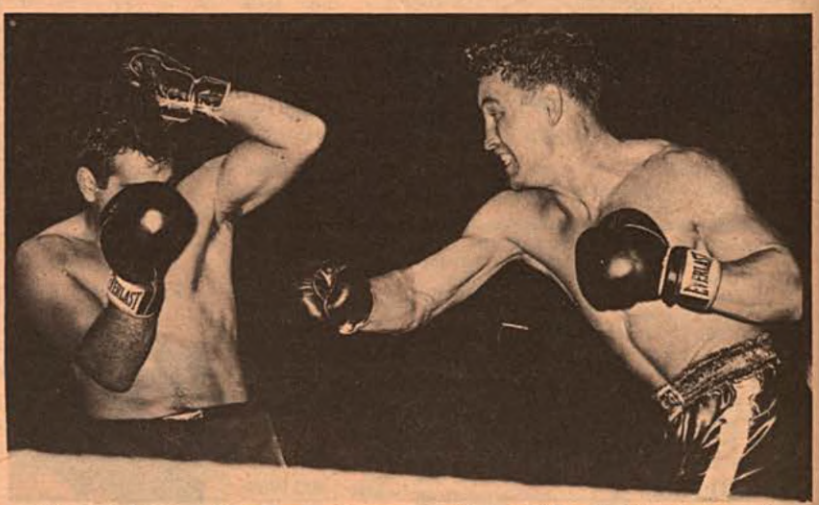


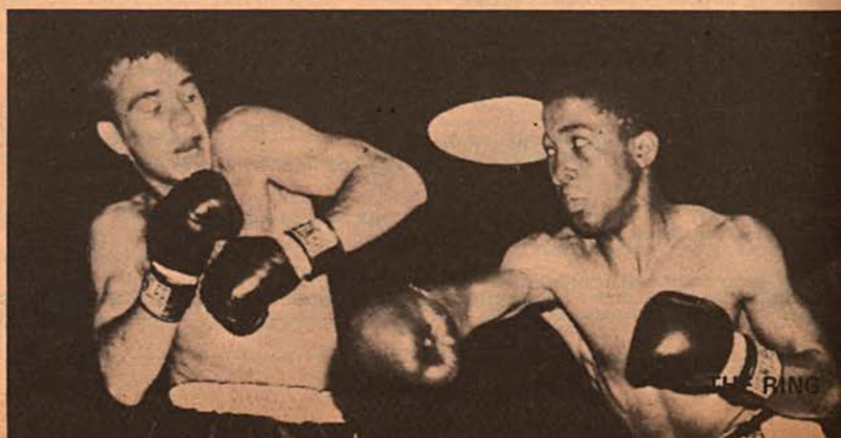
(Above) Allie Stolz hits the canvas, bounces up to then be beaten by Tippy Larken in the third round, via a TKO. Referee is Arthur Donovan. Bout took place March 23, 1944.



(Above) Ernie "The Rock" Durando vs Joey Giardello, in New York City on June 26, 1953. Giardello won a decision in 10. (Below) Jimmy Flood takes count of nine in 3rd. Charley Fusari won by decision, March 10, 1950, in Madison Sq. Garden.



(Above) Johnny Greco covering up as Laurent Dauthuille, France, throws right to the midsection. Laurent won in the fifth via KO Aug. 3rd, 1949, at Montreal. (Below) Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn., won on decision in his fight with local Gene Smith in Wash., D.C.



IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

RUDY ROBLES MAKES UP FOR LOSSES

SAN JOSE — Rudy Robles made up for one of his two losses, by defeating southpaw Rudy Cruz, 161, Fresno, in 10 rounds at Civic Auditorium.

Robles, 162, kept up a fast pace and finished with a rush to earn the decision.

Termite Watkins, Orlanda, Fla., decisioned Vicente Hernandez, 135, Mexico, in 10 rounds. Watkins weighed 136.

Jim Burchett, 149, San Francisco, decisioned over Fred Jimenez, 148, San Jose, (6).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Sacramento City College student Karl Vinson recovered from a fourth round knockdown to earn a split 10 round decision from Felton Marshall of Los Angeles at the Olympic Auditorium.

Vinson, 161, was down from a body punch in the fourth. He bounced back to take control of the bout.

The scoring: Dick Young, 6-5 (Vinson), judge Chuck Hassett, 5-4 (Vinson) and judge Eddie Fierro, 6-2 (Marshall).

Other results: Lee Mitchell, 177½, Los Angeles, decisioned over David Smith, 174, Los Angeles, (6); Freddie Gonzalez, 118, Los Angeles, and Mario Rogelio, 114½, East Los Angeles, drew (6); Jose Gutierrez, 124, Los Angeles, decisioned Young Casanova, 128, Mexicali, Mexico.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Jose Del Rio, 119, Mexico, was successful in his main event bow, scoring a fourth round knockout over Jesus Ramirez, 121, Los Angeles, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Del Rio looked sharp as he landed with a snappy left hook. Ramirez suffered a possible fractured nose.

It was victory number five for Young Sanford, 198, Redd Foxx's prospect. Sanford knocked out Tonga Kid, 203, Tonga, in the first heat.

Other results: Bobby Larsen, 130, Los Angeles, decisioned over Jose Tapia, 127, Mexico, (5); James Jackson, 150, Los Angeles, decisioned over Arthur Roddy, 157, Los Angeles, (5).

▲**SACRAMENTO** — Monroe Brooks now holds the California lightweight, junior welter and welterweight titles.

The classy Los Angeles boxer picked up the welter crown by destroying Jose Miranda, 147, San Diego, in the fifth of their scheduled 12-rounder at Memorial Auditorium.

Brooks, managed by Jackie McCoy and Henry Davis, weighed 143½.

The crowd hit the 2300 mark and the gate was $10,770.

Other results: Gonzalo Rodriguez, 146, Sacramento, decisioned over Kevin Morgan, 148, Los Angeles, (8); Pete Ranzany, 149, Sacramento, decisioned over Jimmy Jackson, 149½, Oakland, (6); Nacho Jimenez, 135, Mexico, decisioned over Albert Guevara, 135, Sacramento, (6).

▲**SAN DIEGO** — Celebrating his first outing of the year, Art (Mighty Mite) Hafey, 126, San Diego, looked terrific in blasting out a fifth round knockout over Jorge Valenzuela, 123, Mexico, at the Coliseum.

Hafey gave Valenzuela a solid pasting from the first round on. The likeable Irishman is next scheduled for a tour of South America.

One of the better prospects around, Rudy Hernandez, 137, Stanton, stopped Allen Gantt, 136, San Diego, in the third round.

Toni Pulu, 212, Tonga, knocked out Henry Washington, 196, San Diego, in the second round. Javier Muniz, 137, East Los Angeles, stopped Victor De la Cruz, 133, San Diego, (4).

The gate for the Mickey Davies promotion was $5,008.

▲**SAN FRANCISCO** — Lefty Sergio Ayala, 129½, Mexico City, mixed up his offensive well enough to edge Alberto Reyes, 129, Manila, P.I., in their 10-rounder at Kezar Pavillion.

The show under the promotion of the Mission Boxing Club, attracted 1000 fans and a gate of $3,318.

Other results: Terry Allen, 125, San Francisco, KO over Miguel Ruiz, 127, San Jose, (5); Nacho Jimenez, 135, San Francisco, decisioned over Tony Sanchez, 135, Mexico, (8).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — A flash knockdown in the final round, earned Zovek Barajas, 148, Mexicali, a 10 round draw with Carlos Palomino, 147½, Long Beach, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Barajas making his second start after two devastating knockout losses to Billy Lloyd last year, surprised the 4000 fans with his performance.

Palomino, a student at Long Beach State College, was a 3-1 favorite. He did look like he was on his way to a narrow victory, till Zovek floored him with a crisp right to the chin.

It was one of the best fights seen locally in some time. Both rocked each other numerous times, but it was Palomino who had Barajas ready to go down in the seventh round.

Referee Larry Rozadilla voted for Palomino, 7-4, but both judges, George Latka and Dick Steele had 5-5 cards.

Other results: Freddie Gonzalez, 118, East Los Angeles, decisioned over Mario Rogelio, 114, (6); Young Casanova, 125½, Mexicali, decisioned over Jose Gutierrez, 123½, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**RICHMOND** — Packing too much speed and power, James Marshall, 159½, Los Angeles, shaded game Jesus (Chucho) Garcia, 159½, San Diego, in the 10 round feature event at the Richmond Auditorium.

Young Sanford, the heavyweight protege of comedian Redd Foxx, finished off Chicho Valdez, 182½, Oakland, in the first round of their eight rounder. Sanford tipped the fairbanks at 202, and looks like a first rate prospect.

Other results: James T. Jackson, 174½, Richmond, decisioned over Budda Brooks, 178, Los Angeles, (6); Steve St. Charles, 152, Oakland, KO over Hector Negrete, 162, Oakland, (2).

▲**SAN FRANCISCO** — Ray Lunny, the Third, got off to a fast start and held off experienced Jose Fernandez of Puerto Rico in their 10-rounder at the Cow Palace.

It was Lunny's first effort since his draw with Ben Villaflor late last year. Lunny weighhed 130½; Jose, 131.

Lorenzo Trujillo, 136½, Dallas, Texas, was upset by Armando Mendieta, 129½, San Jose, in a co-feature 10-rounder.

Hildo Silva, 173, San Diego, handled James T. Jackson, 175, Oakland, in eight rounds. Maurice (Termite) Watkins, 136, Orlando, Florida, decisioned over Dave Kibby, 133, Eureka, (8).

The promotion was under Garden City Boxing, with Joe Gagilardi at the helm. The gate was $15,547.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Andy (The Hawk) Price, 140, Los Angeles, carved up Centavito Hernandez, 139, Tijuana, Mexico, to win by a seventh round knockout at the Olympic Auditorium.

There were no knockdowns, but Price was a one sided winner up till the seventh, when referee Rudy Jordan halted the bout.

Kevin Morgan, 144½, son of one time lightweight headliner, L. C. Morgan, stopped Carmelo Cruz, 143½, Los Angeles, in the second round of their scheduled six rounder.

Other results: Freddie Gonzalez, 119, Los Angeles, KO over Yoshi Takaizumi, 117, Japan, (2); Jimmy Jackson, 150, So. West L.A., decisioned over Salvador Castaneda, 149; East Los Angeles, (5).

The gate was $4,040, paid by 2,369 of the faithful.

▲**SAN DIEGO** — Rapid rising Manny Lujan, 125, San Diego, earned his main event spurs with an impressive sixth round knockout over Aaron Peralta, 121½, Phoenix, at the Coliseum.

Lujan, fresh out of high school, was in full command all the way.

Other results: Victor De la Cruz, 134, Los Angeles, KO over Guillermo Gonzalez, 134, National City, (1); Fred Gilbert, 160½, San Diego, KO over Randy Miller, 160½, San Diego, (1); Miguel Ruiz, 126, Mexico, KO over David Pacheco, 125½, San Diego, (3).

RUDY ROBLES

WORLD RATINGS

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and third respectively. Miguel de Oliviera, Brazil, maintained his hold on fourth with Maurice Hope moving up to fifth by his knockout over Don Cobbs. Eckhart Dagge, of Germany, is in sixth with Miguel Castellini, Argentina, in seventh and an inactive Miguel Angel Campanino, of Argentina, dropping from fifth to eighth.

Welterweight changes were incurred by the win of Johnny Gant, of Washington, who moved up to ninth by a five round kayo over Clyde Washington, with Hedgemon Lewis of Detroit, taking his place in tenth.

The junior welterweights saw a hustling Monroe Brooks, kayo winner over Jose Miranda, jump from fifth to third position, exchanging ratings with Spain's Pedro Fernandez, whose draw with Jonathan Dele dropped him from third to fifth ranking.

Roberto Duran, Panama, fought Ray Lampkin, of Portland, Oregon, for the lightweight title and Ken Buchanan, of Scotland, had a go with Ishimatsu Suzuki, of Japan, for the WBC title. The results are reflected in their ratings.

Activity among the junior lightweights was meagre with top seeded Sven-Erik Paulsen, of Norway, defeating Domingo Jiminez over 15 rounds for the EBU junior lightweight crown. Third ranked Philadelphian, Tyrone Everett, retained his high ranking by a convincing ten round win over Bert Nabalatan.

The featherweights are still milling around without a single champion and world title is vacant but the class has had some activity with a new face entering in tenth spot, Joe Casas, who had been a rated bantamweight until weight problems forced him into the higher class. Antonio Jiminez, of Spain, loser to Italian Elio Cotina, for the EBU feather crown, drops from the rankings as does Alfredo Marcano, due to inactivity. Taking Jiminez's place is his victor, Cotina in seventh place.

Among the bantamweights Jose Luis Soto is dropped for not fighting and a new face enters the select ten in Joe Guevara, of Sacramento, California, winner over David Vasquez. Joe comes in as eighth on the ladder. David drops to ninth with inactive Paul Ferreri now tenth. David Needham, England, won a 10 rounder from Earl Large and moved up to seventh from ninth. Another winner, Mexico's Alfonso Zamora gained a notch, moving from seventh to sixth position.

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YAMABE ONE PUNCH ENDED JIMENEZ

By TED YAMACHIKA

The Ron Lyle loss to not too well known Jimmy Young in Honolulu, is covered elsewhere in this issue in a special story from ringside. Ted Yamachika, also at the ring apron, thought the fight uninteresting as he delved into the remainder of the fight on the card.

Leroy Jones, 250½, Denver, decisioned Big Jim Gilmore, 288½, Los Angeles in 8 rounds.

Roger Moreno, 1192, Phillippines, beat Shinobu Fujita, 120¾, Japan, in 8.

Willie Goodwin, 156¼, Honolulu, outpointed Anthony Maldonado, 154½, Honolulu, 4 rounds.

▲Dave Bruce, 159¾, Honolulu, knocked out Solomone Namoa, 159¼, Tonga, in 2.

▲On another show Shinji Yamabe, 135, Japan, needed only one round to polish off Alejo Jimenez, 135½, Mexico, in what was a scheduled ten round main event.

Armando Montemayor, 123, Philippines, decisioned Hideo Kobayashi, 122, Japan, in 10.

Osamu Toku, 125, Japan and Kid Pabanlag, 126, Philippines, fought to a 4 round draw.

Willie Goodwin, 152, Honolulu, knocked out Chris Caravalho, 150, Honolulu, in 3.

Jorge Torres, 124, Mexico, sent Domy Cruz, 121, Philippines, to the hospital with a 1st round knockout. It was strictly no contest although it was the scheduled ten round main event.

In the other mismatch, Buddy Boy Dayaganon, 123, Philippines, knocked out Hideo Kobayashi, 122, Japan, in 2.

Domi Manalang, 135, Philippines, won a technical decision over Mitsuyuki Nakane, 134, Japan, after receiving a cut over his eye in an accidental butt.

Isamu Toku, 124, Japan, beat Reuben Dudoit, 123, Honolulu, in 4.

PRO AND AMATEURS SHARE SPOTLIGHT

By DON HAMILL

Pro boxing shared the spotlight with Golden Gloves tournaments in Holyoke, Lowell, and Fall River in the Bay State and Burlington, Vt. World Team Boxing had a near disastrous first showing in Portland when a team from Montreal invaded the Maine city.

Unfortunately neither team had a full team and makeshift arrangements had to be made. Several of the teams were suspended until they file a roster. The results of the pro shows during the month were:

▲**Portland Exposition Building** — World Team Boxing had an inauspicious introduction. A meager crowd of 236 paid to see the makeshift show at $4 and $6 per head. Jimmy Lopez, 126, Salem, N.H., won an interesting six round unanimous decision over Francisco Maldonado, 127, Lawrence. Maldonado represented the Montreal '76ers team which won a 13 to 4 victory over the Portland Nor'Easters. Owner of the Portland franchise is Frank Opie.

Frankie Davilla, 154, Hartford, but billed as out of Lowell, won a unanimous six round decision over veteran Dave Hilton, 161, Morrisburg, Ont. Most impressive boxer on the card was Canadian Bernard D'Aoust, 137, Montreal, who flattened Ricky Craney, also 137, Portland, in the second round. Alfred Nembhard (Ray Rose), 144, Montreal, took five rounds to knock out an ill-conditioned George Gosselin, 140, Lewiston. Danny Heath, 151, Lowell, unanimously decisioned Sohdi Sohdi, 155, of Syria now fighting out of South Boston, in a six spot. Jean Guy Binette, 154, Montreal, found Roberto Rivera, 149, Lowell, a tough nut to crack and had to settle for a split duke in their six rounder. In the opener, Danny Fryman, 134, Lowell, stopped localite Charley Kittredge, 128½, in the fifth round.

▲**Boston Garden** — Paul Poirier, 160½, New Bedford, was hard put to win a unanimous nine round decision over John L. Sullivan, 157, Spirit Lakes, Ida. Paul got off to a comfortable lead capturing the first five rounds and scoring a knockdown in the second round with a left hook. Sullivan appeared to get stronger as the fight progressed and edged Poirier in the three final sessions. His rally came too late.

Dornell Wigfall, 166, Brockton, scored an eight round unanimous decision over trial horse, Tracy Harrison, 172, Kansas City. Jesse Bender, 157, Somers, stopped Chris Pina, 157, Norfolk, in the second round with Pina hurt and completely out of contact. Scott Ledoux, 220, Minneapolis, was held to a split six round decision over C. J. Par Brown, 203, New York, Peter Fuller's latest protege. In the opener, Donnie Nelson, 139, Hartford, won a hard fought six round decision over Roberto Medina, 136, North Easton.

▲**Waterbury Armory** — Kevin Pentalow, 190, New Britain, returned to the ring wars with a two round knockout over Wild Bill Hardney, 195, Baltimore. A solid right to the jaw spilled Hardney on the canvas for the full count.

Donnie Nelson, 135, Hartford, scored a third round knockdown to eke out a close six round decision over Ricardo Camero, 136, North Easton. Vinnie DeBarros, 134, Waterbury, was awarded a close but unpopular six round decision over tough little Ahmet Tosci, 131, White Plains, who was outscored but caught the fancy of the fans. Dana McCarthy, 158, Bristol, received a gift draw with Don Melosh, 156, White Plains, who outscored him clearly all the way. The fans did not like this decision either. Roberto Medina, 137, North Easton, outslugged Richie Lugo, 141, White Plains, in four round thriller. Avelino DesReis, 142, Waterbury, outscored Frankie Williams, 145, Ansonia, to take every heat of the four round opener.

▲**Boston — WNAC-TV Studio** — John (Dino) Denis, 200, North Attleboro, won every round in taking a lop-sided ten round decision over veteran Mike Boswell, 198, Rochester, N.Y. There was only one knockdown when Boswell was dropped with a solidleft hook. Denis was a substitute for Ricky Wynn, who suffered a fractured nose in a sparring session.

Bob Stewart, 173, Amsterdam, N.Y., who had his hands full with Kenny Jones, 168, New Haven, in a Pittsfield bout, made short work of his erstwhile foe by icing him with a left to the jaw in 40 seconds of the first round.

▲**Brockton High School Gymnasium** — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 158, Brockton, scored a five round knockout over his fellowtownsman, Dornell Wigfall, 163, in an action packed setto. The long awaited rematch filled the gym. The smoother boxing Hagler copped the first three rounds. Wigfall became more aggressive in the fourth and shook up his rival to pick up the round. The fifth started the same way. He was forced to battle Wigfall on a toe-to-toe basis ending with Wigfall's being dropped for the full count. In the exchange Hagler suffered a severe cut over his left eye.

National A.A.U. light heavyweight champion Bob Stewart, 175, Amsterdam, won a clear cut six round decision over veteran Peachy Davis, 172, Hartford. Davis receipted for a large amount of punishment but scored well himself. Reinaldo Oliveira, 157, West Wareham, stopped Jesse Bender, 159, Hartford and Somers, in the second round of another six spot. Roberto Medina, 139, North Easton, methodically shipped Danny Fryman, 138, Lowell, in a six rounder. Joe DeFayette, 142, Taunton, turned pro and engaged in a slugfest with Jimmy Nieves, 140, Somers, and eked out the narrowest of split decisions.

▲Desse Clark, Hartford gym owner and developer of boxers, had his right foot amputated as a result of circumstances arising from an industrial accident. . .Joe Glen, a youngster loaded with intestinal fortitude, appeared in the Holyoke Golden Gloves. Joe boxed with sweat pants overing his artificial leg. He won his first novice bout but went down to defeat in the quarter finals. . .Tony Delmonico's Libra Athletic Club in Waterbury, where most of the Waterbury boxers trained was burned out. . .William (Ray) Lord of Norwich was appointed the Connecticut A.A.U. chairman. He is a former boxer, manager, and Army Coach where he retired with the rank of Captain.

By RON OLVER

COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE LAYS IT ON LINE TO CHAMPS

I WAS the only journalist present at the recent meeting of the Commonwealth Championships Committee, when the decision was taken to strip Jamaican Percy Hayles of his Commonwealth lightweight title for not defending it against any of the logical contenders within the stipulated period.

British champion Jim Watt and Jonathan Dele of Nigeria were nominated to box for the vacant crown.

New heavyweight champion Bunny Johnson must defend against either Joe Bugner or Billy Aird, both of Britain, and Bunny's stablemate John Conteh must defend against the winner of a bout between Chris Finnegan and Maxie Smith, who box for the vacant British crown, or Australian Steve Aczel.

Middleweight champion Tony Mundine must defend his crown, otherwise his title will be declared vacant. Contenders for this one are Kevin Finnegan of England, Carlos Marks of Trinidad, and the winner of the British title bout between Bunny Sterling and Maurice Hope.

Welter champ Clyde Gray must defend against either John H. Stracey of England, Rocky Mattioli of Australia, or Eddie Blay of Ghana.

Australian Hector Thompson, who has been injured, must defend against Ali Afakasi of New Zealand as soon as fit. Other contenders: Joey Singleton (England) and Martin Beni (Papua).

Nigerian Jonathan Dele and British champion Jim Watt will contest the vacant lightweight crown.

The Committee decided to introduce a Junior lightweight division (130 pounds) with Australian Billy Moeller and Scottish-born Jimmy Bell now domiciled in Australia meeting for the vacant crown. Winner defends against Nigeria's Mama Clay within six months.

Featherweight champion David Poison of Ghana has three contenders, Art Hafey (Canada), Bobby Dunne (Australia) and Jimmy Revie (England).

Bantam titleholder Paul Ferreri of Australia must defend against either Dave Needham (England) or Sulley Shittu (Ghana) by June 30.

Australian Big Jim West, flyweight champ, defends against Henry Nissen and Brian Roberts (Australia), Patrick Mambwe (Zambia) or John McCluskey (Scotland).

▲British featherweight champion Evan Armstrong has retired from the ring. He contends that the sport no longer carries the same incentive for him as it always has done.

Armstrong is 32, and won 39 of his 54 bouts from 1963. He boxed for the British bantamweight title, but was beaten by Alan Rudkin.

In 1971 he won the British featherweight crown, lost it to Tommy Glencross, then won it back from the same boxer. Evan won a Lonsdale Belt outright, and also held the Commonwealth crown, which he lost to Ghana's David 'Poison' Kotey in December.

After this defeat Evan had a re-think about his career, and decided he had had enough.

George Francis, 44-year-old manager of world light heavyweight champion John Conteh, also British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion Bunny Johnson, is involved in another sort of battle—a fight to save his eyesight.

While he was holding the pads in the gym one of his boxers knocked one of them into his right eye. George didn't pay much attention to it at first, but it got worse and now he's blind in that eye.

After medical advice and an operation for a detached retina it is hoped that some of the sight may be saved, but he's got to take it easy.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of March 15, 1975)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Bunny Johnson (J)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Mani Vaka (T)
3. Danny McAlinden (I)
4. Billy Aird (E)
5. Rocky Campbell (Ant)
6. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
7. Richard Dunn (E)
8. Wendell Newton (Bah)
9. Eddie Neilson (E)
10. Sunia Cama (Fiji)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
John Conteh (E)

1. Maxie Smith (E)
2. Chris Finnegan (E)
3. Steve Aczel (A)
4. Roy John (W)
5. Pat McCann (E)
6. Johnny Frankham (E)
7. Gary Summerhays (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
9. Greg McNamara (A)
10. Alipate Korovou (Ton.)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Kevin Finnegan (E)
2. Bunny Sterling (J)
3. Carlos Marks (Tr)
4. Battlie Laavassa (Samoa)
5. Alan Minter (E)
6. Monty Betham (NZ)
7. William White (Samoa)
8. Dave Downey (C)
9. Gary Broughton (C)
10. Carl Speare (E)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Elisha Obed (Bah.)
2. Maurice Hope (Ant.)
3. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
4. Larry Paul (E)
5. Donato Paduano (C)
6. Pongi Lie (Ton)
7. Matt Donovan (Tr)
8. Kevin White (E)
9. Jean Claud LeClair (C)
10. Ricky Patterson (A)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Fernand Marcotte (C)
4. Eddie Blay (G)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Pat Thomas (J)
7. Kenny Webber (E)
8. Henry Rhiney (J)
9. Trevor Francis (J)
10. Lennox Beckles (Guy)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Martin Beni (Papua)
3. Joey Singleton (E)
4. Pat McCormack (I)
5. Des Morrison (J)
6. Eric Briggs (NZ)
7. Johnny Summerhays (C)
8. Wally Carr (A)
9. Lawrence Hafey (C)
10. Billy Waith (W)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Championship Vacant

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Jim Watt (S)
3. Jonathan Dele (N)
4. Percy Hayles (J)
5. Manny Santos (NZ)
6. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
7. Colin Cassidy (A)
8. Andy Broome (A)
9. Johnny Choshire (S)
10. Tommy Dunn (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
David 'Poison' Kotey (G)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Bobby Dunne (A)
3. Jimmy Revie (E)
4. Alan Richardson (E)
5. Vernon Sollas (S)
6. Merv Wockner (A)
7. Bingo Crooks (J)
8. Alan Buchanan (S)
9. Howard Hayes (E)
10. Tommy Glencross (S)

BATAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Sulley Shittu (G)
4. Guinea Hillier (A)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. John Kellie (S)
7. George Turpin (E)
8. Brian Clout (A)
9. Dennis Talbot (A)
10. Billy Edwards (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Big Jim West (A)

1. Henry Nissen (A)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
4. John McCluskey (S)
5. Jim Slatter (A)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia

N.B. At their last meeting the Commonwealth Championships Committee decided to introduce a Junior Lightweight division. They nominated Billy Moeller (A) and Jimmy Bell (S), now living in Australia, to meet for the vacant crown. Winner to defend against Mama Clay (N) within six months.

▲St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — Jim Watt, Glasgow, 134¾, regained the British lightweight title by beating Johnny Cheshire, Ayr, 133¼, referee Wally Thom stopping the bout just five seconds before the end of the seventh round.

Cheshire and trainer Terry Spinks protested at the stoppage, stating that Johnny was fit enough to continue. The facts are that Cheshire had been decked twice in the sixth, and was taking quite a few punches when the referee intervened.

In cases like this the referee inevitably comes under fire, but he is the one nearest the action, and he is the one who has to decide the precise moment when he considers a boxer has taken enough.

It was Cheshire who caught the eye during the early rounds, settling down quickly to an aggressive approach, keeping both hands busy, and generally making things difficult for Watt to do anything else but box on the defensive, and try and get his southpaw right jab working.

Cheshire kept up the pressure for three rounds, after which Watt was marked on the left cheek and by the left eye.

However, Watt in the fourth got his jab working accurately, and Cheshire was now getting caught by punches which were not only accurate but hard.

This was Watt's round, and his best to date. Suddenly the confidence seemed to be vanishing from Cheshire's hitherto busy attacks, and Watt did even better in the fifth, when after taking a couple of cuffs jabbed back forcefully.

Cheshire had definitely slowed up. Watt realised it, and stepped up the tempo. A left to the chin at the start of the sixth had Cheshire shaken momentarily, and Watt quickly followed up with some more head punches to deck his man for nine.

Cheshire rose and came right back with both hands in action. But Watt allowed him to come forward, picked his spot, and another left sent Johnny down again.

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BRISCOE MAKES GOOD ON COMEBACK TRAIL

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — The first Spectrum card of the new year was a roaring success when 8,200 fans paid to see local heros Tyrone Everett and Bennie Briscoe score imprtant wins.

Everett decisioned fellow southpaw Bert Nabalatan of the Philippines in a one-sided and boring contest. Briscoe hung a tenth round TKO on Lenny Harden after a savage brawl that saw Harden knocked down four times

Everett, 128½, won practically every round but failed to impress. The slower, older Nabalatan, 127½, took the fight to Tyrone from first bell to last but could never catch his elusive foe.

Tyrone never stopped running long enough to score with combinations but landed crisp jabs and uppercuts to carry most rounds with ease. Everett did manage to turn on the offence at the start of the last round, but backed off the first time Nabalatan landed a clean punch.

Everett has won all 23 of his pro bouts but still lacks the confidence to match his considerable skill. Nabalatan tried hard, but it takes two to make a fight.

Briscoe, who had to win this one or face retirement, came up with a big left hook to finally put away a very rugged Harden in 1:36 of the tenth round.

The New Jersey power-puncher jumped right on Briscoe the first two rounds, and let him have it with everything in his arsenal. Bennie weathered the storm well and dumped Lenny for a manditory 8-count with a short left hood in the third.

Each took turns dishing out punishment the next several rounds but down the stretch Briscoe got his jab working, and it was just a matter of time. Harden's face was beginning to bust up around the nose and mouth.

Briscoe really poured it on in the ninth. Harden, five pounds heavier at 164½, crashed to the canvas for two more counts but kept getting up.

Bad Bennie came out for the final frame with fire in his eyes and finished the job with a left hook that came up from his shoe tops. Lenny wobbled to his feet at nine, but referee Jack Fitzpatrick wisely called a halt.

In a third ten-rounder, hard punching New Yorker, Eddie "Flame" Gregory, 161, knocked out Steve "Flasher Ishibashi" Smith, 162½ of Philly, in 1:28 of the fourth. After three mauling rounds Gregory caught Smith flush on the chin with a right cross, and it was all over.

Rising Junior Lightweight Jerome Artis, continued his winning run with an 8-round points win over Jose Nunez. The Dominican suprised Artis with a right hand that put him on the seat of his powder blue pants in the second round. Jerome got up to outpunch Nunez the rest of the way, but never gained complete control.

Paul "KO" Kallai, 112, outpointed Ralph Baker in a four-roundup.

Philadelphia middleweight Billy Early, who lost six of his first seven pro bouts, blitzed Mose Robinson with a nifty one-two.

In another prelim, Joe Flores, 140½, decisioned previously unbeaten Ron Branch, 135½, over six good rounds.

▲Arena — An encouraging crowd of 2,000 showed up for the first show promoted by the Walker Brothers at this old West Philly venue. Co-featured 10-rounders saw Eugene "Cyclone" Hart, stop Radames Cabrera in eight and Art "The Dart" Kettles, take a split decision over local veteran Mario Saurennann.

Hart, who had lost five of his last seven starts, needed a win and got it. He abandoned his familiar head hunting tactics, and battered Cabrera into exhaustion with a determined body attack.

"Cyclone", a pound and a half up at 159, is once again being trained by Sam Solomon who handled him during his glory days.

Cabrera, who suffers from inactivity, saw his record slip to 16-2 with 10 KO's. Eugene is now 25-5-1, with all but one of his wins via knockout.

Kettles, 151½, edged Saurennann, 146½, in an interesting battle of crafty boxers. Most of the rounds were very close and difficult to score. The fact that Kettles carried a little more steam in his punches, was the main difference between these two fine craftsmen.

Hot prospect Youngblood Williams, 152, was forced to go the distance for the first time to take an exciting six-rounder from Luis Carrasquillo, 153.

Baltimore's C.J. Faison, 148½, and Jeff Holmes, 151½ from N.Y.C., opened the card with a hard fought six. Faison withstood a strong finish from Holmes tocop the decision.

▲Blue Horizon — Junior Lightweight Alfonso Evans and welter Jimmy Savage won unanimous decisions in companion 8-rounders that topped J. Russell Peltz' latest club show.

Evans turned in the best performance of his undefeated 8-bout career in whipping Trenton, New Jersey vet Willie Daniels. Willie was outpunched in every round except the fourth, when he broke through with a series of good right hands.

Evans, trained and co-managed by Nick Belfiore, is the latest of a crop of talented young Junior Lightweights to come out of Philly recently. He was selected as the Ring prospect of the month, in the February issue.

Savage, 149, won a clear cut, but unimpressive verdict over local rival Norman Farell. Savage is now 12-3-1, while Farell stands at 5-4.

A rare double knockdown occured in a wild scrap between Archie Andrews, 153, and Robert Hughes, 151. Both boxers connected with simultaneous right hands and hit the deck.

Andrews scrambled to his feet first, and seemed the least worse for wear. Action continued, and Archie swarmed all over his man for a clean knockout in 3:05 of the first round.

William Berry, 123, decisioned Billy Wade, 123, over four rounds and Lynwood Snowden, 123, just barely outpointed Jose Resto, 128, in another four spot.

Kid Sampson, 158½, decisioned Edward "Hotdog" Benson, 161½, in a horrendous opener that unfortunately lasted all four rounds.

▲Camden, New Jersey — Rochelle "The Roach" Norris, 205 of Atlantic City, decisioned Mose Harrell, 202, over eight rather flat rounds at the Arlo Theater. A tiny crowd of 385 braved bitter cold, both inside and out, to witness J. Russell Peltz's first Jersey promotion.

Norris held the advantage in every department, but just couldn't muster the energy to finish Harrell.

Prince Nikita Tarhocker, 143, danced his way to an amusing points win over Ray Pitts, 147, in another 8-rounder. Tarhocker, resplendent in war paint and a leopard skin trunks, was accompanied by a pair of African style drummers who kept up a frantic beat throughout the otherwise tepid bout. Both boxers hail from Camden.

The fight that saved the show was a heavyweight war between Leroy Diggs and Bob "Shag" Bethea. Both men were shaken up on numerous occasions, before Diggs ended matters with a potent right uppercut in the sixth and final round.

Luis Vega, 137, from Allentown, Pa., battled Camden's Mike Williams, 136, to a six round draw.

Joe Flores, 141, from Camden, was lucky to get the nod over Dan McNeil, 145 of Philadelphia, in another six spot.

ORTIZ, LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP BEATS CONTENDER PADILLA

By EDUARDO AMER

Mexico, D.F. — Leoncio Ortiz, 134, Mexican lightweight champion, technically KO'ed Jesus "Cassius" Padilla, 133, in the sixth round, when Padilla was winning easily.

Panchito Cabrera, 111, TKO'd Roberto Valenzuela, 111, in five. Jose Flores, 115, embalmed Severiano Mendoza, 116, in four. Armando Cardona, 120, TKO'd Alvaro Malagon, 117, in the opening round.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 119, decisioned Lupe Hernandez, el "Huracan de Sombrerete", 119, in ten. Martin "Osito" Valencia, 110, stopped Luis Torres, 111, in six. Juan Granados, 124, halted Francisco Granada, 123, in five. Nacho Rivera, 124, iced Fili Mreno, 124, in the very first round.

▲Merida, Yucatan — Luis "Black" Garcia, 117, Yucatan bantamweight king, TKO'd Eelipe "La Loba" Gallegos, 116, in two. Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, won by a disqualification from Freddie Castillo, 112, in four. Humberto Lara, 117, and Paulino Canche, 118, drew in eight. Wilbert Canche, 113, won over Mike Rodriguez, 114, in six. Jose Luis Noh Castillo, 120, beat Jose "Pepino" Casanova, 119, in 4.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Octavio Amparan, 135, polished off Simon Fortanel, 134, in four. Raul Pacheco, 111, lost to Ramon de Aguinaga, 112, in ten. Joe Valdez, 125, knocked out Jaime Nava, 124, in seven. Geronimo Cardenas, 144, outscored Jose Luis "Tractor" Pena, 145, in ten.

▲Apatzingan, Michoacan — Angel Flores, 112, decisioned Raul Noria, 112, in 10.

▲Reynosa, Tamaulipas — Roberto "Kid" Ruvaldino, 120, defeated Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 120, in ten. "Cubanito" Hernandez, 117, KO'ed Jorge Carrasco, 117, in two.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Lupe Romero, 120, technically stopped Jose Luis Valdovinos, 122, in seven. Adelaido Galindo, 115, TKO'd Francisco Javier Nunez, 114, in nine. Ernesto Garfias, 117, whipped Jesus Salcedo, 117, in ten.

▲Campeche — Manuel "Melin" Castillo, 119, demolished "Gallo" Gonzalez, 121, in one.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Salvador "Chino" Martinez, 113, bested Miguel "Mike" Albornoz, 112, in ten. Maximo Rangel, 124, defeated Ventura Perez, 124, in 8.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Sergio Lozano, 144, knocked out Pedro "Canguro" Pena, 145, in two.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Pedro Alberto Dominguez, 130, halted Tello Hernandez, 131, in three. Victor "Zurdo" Cortez, 124, TKO'd Javier Paredes, 125, in three.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Jose "Pipino" Cuevas, 145, outpunched Ruben Vazquez, 145, in ten. Jose Luis Hernandez, 133, outpointed Lupe Galindo, 134, in ten. Jose Chavez, 118, bombed Jose Aragon, 118, in the opening round.

▲Torreon, Coahuila — Joaquin "Petrolero" Macias, 158, TKO'd Herminio "La Loba" Ramirez, 159, in the tenth and last round. Juan "Ranita" Robles, 125, stopped Jose Luis Menchaca, 124, in two.

▲Zacatecas — Jesus "Sireno" Aparicio, 134, tko'd Ernesto Davis, 134, of Panama, in six. Rafael Aparicio, 134, nailed Gregorio Vega, 134, in nine. "Brujo" Gutierrez, 126, halted Paco Medina, 125, in 2.

▲Apatzingan, Michoacan — "Negro" Flores, 112, TKO'd Chano Rodriguez, 112, in eight.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Adrian "Ad" Zapanta, 124, of Phillipines, TKO'd Valente Vera, 124, in 8. Mariano Chavez, 117, decisioned Martin "Buchanan" Garcia, 116, in 10. Jose Angel "Toro" Medina, 133, defeated Abraham Perez, 133, in ten.

▲Mexico, D. F — Juan Pablo Oropeza, 134, tko'd Alex MOLLADO, 1⅛½¼, IN EIGHT. Pablo Chavez, 134, whipped Augustin Ramirez, 134, in 8.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Juan Zarate, 112, outclassed Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 113, in ten. Humberto Alcala, 121, won from Jose Luis Alcala, 125, in ten.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Jose Luis Meza, 126, TKO'd Juanito Rodriguez, 125, in 3.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Arturo "Tury" Pineda, 134, demolished Cesar Cinda, 134, of Africa, in three. Gerardo Aceves, 125, knocked out Paco Sanchez, 124, in four. Alfonso Jimenez, 134, put "Tochi" Castillo, 134, to sleep in the very first round.

▲Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas — Carlos Zarate, 119, technically KO'ed Alberto Cabanig, 117, of Phillipines, in four. Alfonso Zamora, 120, TKO'd Tony Amansio, 118, of Phillipines, in 4. Leo Palacios, 110, TKO'd Antonio "Monito" Rosales, 110, in five. Victor Rocha, 118, TKO'd Manuel Quiroz, 118, in 5.

▲Babe San Martin (Felix Zozaya Martin) — 116, technically stopped Raul Tirado, 117, in 8. Antonio Nava, 118, TKO'd Fernando Martinez, 118, in 5.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Alfonso Ibarra, 121, embalmed Juan Ordonez, 118, in five.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Ernesto Herrera, 124, KO'd Pedro Arellanos, 124, in three.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Lorenzo Alarcon, 146, decisioned Jesus "Marro" Vargas, 145, in ten.

▲Aguascalientes — Pedro Martinez, 125, won an unpopular decision from Magallo Lozada, 123, in ten. Ramiro Ruvalcaba, 147, bested Enrique Rodriguez, 146, in ten.

▲Tapachula, Chiapas — Manny Gomez, 112, won by a technical decision over Mario "Chamaco" Ramos, 112, in tenth round.

▲Aguascalientes — Saul Montana, 123, nailed "Changa" Alvarez, 121, in two. Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 121, KO'd "Morenito" Landin, 122, in 4.

▲Ciudad Obregon, Sonora — Mario Servin, 127, TKO'd Urbano Davila, 126, in two.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Rafael "Bazzoka" Limon, 126, TKO'd Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez, 125, in 4. Fernando Gomez, 119, TKO'd Antonio Valverde, 117, in 1. Santiago Hernandez, 115, TKO'd Atanasio Delgado, 115, in two.

ACTION IN EUROPE

By J. A. TREE

ALLOTEY AND JIMINEZ DETHRONED

Berlin. With the new year only forty one days old we have already seen four European championship contests. Junior lightweight champion, Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, made a successful defense outscoring Italian, Giovanni Girgenti, over fifteen rounds. A crowd of six thousand were present in the Oslo venue. Paulsen won the title in May 1974 beating German, Lothar Abend and this was his second defense against Girgenti.

In Raouen, Bob Allotey, Spain, lost his bantamweight crown to Frenchman, Daniel Trioulaire, TKO 9.

The new European featherweight champion is Italian, Elio Cotena who beat champion, Jose Jiminez, Spain, TKO 11. This was the first featherweight championship bout to be staged in Naples.

Since Jim Driscoll held the crown in 1912 we have had 84 title bouts and Cotena is the 31st boxer to wear the crown. Jiminez had ruled the division since April 1973 when he won the vacant title beating Tommy Glencross. He then made a defense against Daniel Vermandere, France, and Elio Cotena.

Ex-European heavyweight champion, Jose Urtain, has been suspended by the Spanish authorities as a result of his 2-round KO over Alfred Vogrig.

GERMANY

▲In the 68th German welterweight championship bouts, Horst Brinkmeier won the crown beating champion, Juurgen Voss, who was taken out of the fight with a cut eye in round ten.

German junior middleweight champion, Peter Scheibner, retained his crown outpointing Peter Wulf, over twelve rounds.

Light heavyweight. Avenamar Peralta, Argentine, beat American, Ray Anderson, who was forced to retire in round six with a cut eye.

Junior welterweight. Ex European champion, Turk, Cemal Kamaci, beat Italian Santino Reali, who retired with an injury in round six. Featherweight. Former European lightweight champion, Lothar Abend, Germany, outscored Paul Ikumapayi, Nigeria, eight rounds. Promoter was Willi Zeller.

▲Hamburg — Fritz Wiene's dinner boxing show went on after all without the advertised appearance of world champion, Muhammad Ali, who cancelled his trip to Germany at rather short notice. A crowd of 250 saw 32-year-old Avenamar Peralta, Argentine, beat ex European light heavyweight champion, Rudiger Schmidtke, Germany by a TKO in 4.

SWITZERLAND

▲Berne — Featherweight. Natale Caredda drew with Rudi Vogel, eight.

▲Zurich — Welterweight. Eddie Blay beat Walter Blaser, TKO 9. Bantamweight. Helenio Ferreria beat John McCluskey, TKO 7.

▲Berne — Flyweight. Fritz Chervet outscored Dominique Cesari, ten. Welterweight. Max Hebeisen beat Joseph Guinon TKO 5. Heavyweight. Eric Nussbaum beat Peter Asandoh, KO 2.

▲Geneva — Eddie Blay, Ghana, beat the Spanish welterweight champion, Jose Gonzalez Dopico, the latter retiring in round eight with a cut left eye. Dopico, 31, claimed that 33-year-old Blay's head caused the damage.

ALGIERS

Ould Makloufi, Algiers, outscored Ernesto Miranda, Argentina, over ten rounds.

BELGIUM

▲Brussels — Light heavyweight. Bob Tuckett, Britain, outscored Jean Tshikuna, Zaire, in eight. Lightweight. Rocco Zecca, Italy, decisioned Siki Sow, Senega, in eight. Middleweight. Phylo Bandu, Zaire, outpointed Gabrielle Lazzari, Italy, in eight.

▲Eupen — Arpat Majai and Chris Mossoux, Belgium, drew their eight rounder.

AUSTRIA

▲Vienna — European junior middleweight champion, Jose Duran, Spain, outpointed Austrian, Franz Csandl, fifteen, to retain his crown. Referee Tallyrach, France, had the champion in front by one point, and the judges also made Duran the winner, one by one point and the other by four points. A crowd of 5000 saw the fight which went out live on TV. Heavyweight. Avenamar Peralta, Argentine, beat Kilani Rhomdani, Tunis, TKO 5. Junior middleweight. Wolfgang Gans, Germany, drew with Frank Medina, over eight rounds. Junior middleweight. Yaro Travnik, Austria, outpointed fellow countryman, Kammerhofer, six.

▲Leoben — Lightweight. Lothar Abend, Germany, beat Herbert Trausmuth who re-

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EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights	Light Heavies	Middleweights	Junior Middles
* Joe Bugner (GB)	* Domenico Adinolfi (I)	* Kevin Finnegan (GB)	* Jose Duran (S)
1. Bepi Ros (I)	1. Karl Heinz Klein (G)	1. Gratien Tonna (F)	1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Dante Cane (I)	2. Aldo Traversaro (I)	2. Max Cohen (F)	2. Antonio Castellini (I)
3. Rudi Lubbers (H)	3. Harold Skog (N)	3. Paul Knudsen (D)	3. Johann Orsolics (A)
4. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)	4. Freddy DeKerpel (B)	4. Franz Csandl (A)	4. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
5. Mario Baruzzi (I)	5. Christian Poncelet (F)	5. Frank Reiche (G)	5. Aldo Bentini (I)
6. Bernd August (G)	6. Eric Nussbaum (Switz)	6. Domenico Tiberia (I)	6. Damiano Lossandro (I)
7. Conny Velensek (G)	7. Lothar Stengel (G)	7. Germano Velsecchi (I)	7. Alberto Torri (I)
8. Lorenzo Zanon (I)	8. Sergio Janilli (I)	8. Trento Facchiocchi (I)	8. Vincent Parra (F)
9. Jan Lubbers (H)	9. Leo Kakolewicz (G)	9. Elio Calcabrini (I)	9. Joel Bonnetaz (F)
10. Armando Zanini (I)	10. Jose Galvez Vasquez (S)	10. Daniel Martin (F)	10. Peter Scheibner (G)

Welterweights	Junior Welterweights	Lightweights	Junior Lights
* John H. Stracey (GB)	* Title vacant	* Ken Buchanan (GB)	* Sven Erik Paulsen (N)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)	1. Perico Fernandez (S)	1. Jean Piedvacchi (F)	1. Lothar Abend (G)
2. Domenico DiJorio (I)	2. Toni Ortiz (S)	2. Giancarlo Usai (I)	2. Antonio Puddu (I)
3. Marco Scano (I)	3. Roger Zami (F)	3. Rosario Sanna (I)	3. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
4. Germain LeMaitre (F)	4. Bruno Freshi (I)	4. Leonard Tavarez (F)	4. Mario Redl (I)
5. Jurgen Hansen (D)	5. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)	5. Errik Nikkinen (Fn)	5. Natale Vezzoli (I)
6. Jose Gonzales Dopico (S)	6. Fernando Sanchez (S)	6. Enzo Pizzoni (I)	6. Giuseppe Mura (I)
7. Kristian Hoydahl (N)	7. Gomez Fouz (S)	7. Ugo Di Pietro (I)	7. Domingo Jiminez (S)
8. Laurits Jensen (D)	8. Walter Blaser (Swtz)	8. Efisio Pinna (I)	8. Renzo Battistelli (I)
9. Gianni Molesini (I)	9. Bernard Creto (F)	9. Andre Holyk (Fn)	9. Manuel Alcala (S)
10. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)	10. Tommaso Marocco (I)	10. Miguel Velazquez (S)	10. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)

Featherweights	Bantamweights	Flyweights
* Elio Cotena (I)	* Daniel Triolaire (F)	* Franco Udella (I)
1. Jose Jiminez (S)	1. Bob Allotey (S)	1. Fritz Chervet (Swtz)
2. Michele Siracusa (I)	2. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)	2. Franco Buglione (I)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)	3. Guy Caudron (F)	3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Rodolfo Garcia (S)	4. Ambrogio Mariani (I)	4. Franco Sperati (I)
5. Giuliano Lai (I)	5. Jacky Bihin (F)	5. Dominque Cesari (I)
6. Luis Aisa (S)	6. Jose Luis Otero (S)	6. Pedro Molledro (S)
7. Pasqualino Morbidelli (I)	7. Fernando Atzori (I)	7. Christian Martin (F)
8. Sergio Emili (I)	8. Lucio Vailati (I)	8. Angelo Spano (I)
9. Ramiro Marichal (S)	9. Franco Petrozzi (I)	9. Altero Marini (I)
10. Daniel Vermandere (F)	10. Pedro Pinto (S)	10. Mariano Garcia (S)

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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He was up at seven, and as before took the fight right back to Watt. The bell interrupted a good toe-to-toe session. Cheshire came out quickly for the seventh, looking menacing, throwing leather from both hands, one or two of which got through.

Yet Watt remained cool, bided his time, and when the moment was right landed a couple of hard lefts to the face that had his opponent backing up. Two more landed on the same target, and it was then that referee Thom intervened.

Watt now wants a fight with fellow Scot Ken Buchanan, but Ken is more concerned with world title plans.

Henry Rhiney, Luton, 152, outpointed John Smith, Glasgow, 154, over eight by 80-77½. A comfortable win for Rhiney, who is a definite title prospect. He boxed beautifully, moved well, and although Smith came forward pluckily for round after round, he was never in the hunt.

Hughie Smith, Chapel Hall, 137½, outscored Del White, Tottenham, 138, over six "twos" by 60-57, thus winning every round.

Roy Commosioung, Luton, 148, survived a first-round knockdown to outscore Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, 140, by 59-58½ over six.

▲Jesters Club, Mexborough — George Salmon, Stoke, 148½, stopped Tommy Joyce, Doncaster, 148, in seven when the latter was cut by the left eye.

Unlucky for Joyce before his home supporters. There was little in it when the end came, but Joyce had three cuts, and the referee examined the injuries three times before deciding they were too serious for Tommy to continue.

John Depledge, Leeds, 210, kayoed Kenny Burrell, Worksop, 206, in four after decking him in the opening session.

▲Prelims to McAlinden-Johnson title fight at World Sporting Club — Tony Moore, Battersea, 188, stopped Toni Mikulski, Portsmouth, 203, in two.

Augustus Simms, Brixton, 159, outpointed Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 160, over six "twos" by 59½-58.

David Fry, Bournemouth, 210, outscored Sid Paddock, 192, Southampton (brother of Kevin) over six by 60-58½. It was their third meeting, with Paddock winning one on an eye injury and the other being drawn.

Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 196, stopped Art Gibson, Croydon, 208, in the second round. Gibson had been down in that round, and his right eye was shut.

▲Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham — Former heavyweight prospect Tim Wood, Leicester, 177, has decided to campaign as a cruiser, and won his debut by outpointing Victor Attivor, Ghana, 176½, over eight by 78½-77½.

Harry White, Northampton, 177, outscored Phil Martin, Manchester, 175½, by 59-58½ over six.

Steve Enwright, Halifax, 126¼, easily outpointed Gerry McBride, Manchester, 128, over six by 60-57, winning every round. A good display of boxing by Enwright against a more experienced opponent who attacked persistently.

Dick Goodman, Kettering, 137, outscored Dave Wraxall, Manchester, 136, by 59-58½ over six interesting rounds.

▲Anglo American Sporting Club, London — Alan Minter, Crawley, 162, has had one or two unlucky breaks recently, including a "No Contest" with Jan Magdziarz that meant forfeiting his chance for a shot at the British middleweight title. But he came back with a bang to knock out Henry Cooper, Larkhall, 160, in the opening round.

Southpaw Minter wasted no time in sizing up the opposition. He kept on the attack, with Cooper landing a few countering lefts to the face. Then two punches to the chin, a right cross, then a left hook, sent Cooper back against the ropes and considerably shaken.

Almost defenseless, Cooper had to take a succession of punches to the head and jaw, and although able to drag himself up partially, was unable to beat the count.

Dave Simmonds, Gloucester, 160, caused a surprise by outpointing Jan Magdziarz, Eastleigh, 158, over eight.

Simmonds, a former British amateur champion, started his pro career in Canada and the United States, and this was only his second fight in his own country as a pro.

Simmonds had scant regard for Magdziarz' reputation of being a lethal puncher. He just came forward throwing leather, and although taking some hefty whacks to the face and body succeeded in outgaming his opponent at the finish.

A narrow verdict but one which Dave appeared to deserve. He finished with marks around both eyes, as also did Jan. Both men gave everything they had in a real crowd-pleaser.

Dave Green, Chatteris, 145¾, knocked out Dave Coombs, Northwich, 142, in the second.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester — Ronnie Gibbons, Liverpool, 145½, came in as a substitute and stopped Jim Montague, Coventry, 146, in seven, Montague getting a cut right eye.

Gibbons turned pro in the United States 18 months ago under mentor Gil Clancy, and was undefeated there with nine wins and a draw in ten bouts. This was his British debut.

Southpaw Montague impressed in the early rounds with accurate right jabs to the head, then Gibbons settled down to some good left jabbing and hooking on his own account.

Montague sustained his eye injury in the fourth, and this was the signal for Gibbons to step up the tempo. Montague fought back pluckily, but after several inspections of the injury referee Wally Thom stopped the contest.

Billy Graham, Manchester, 149, outscored Jim Corrigan, Doncaster, 152, over six by 58½-58.

Also over six, Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 141, outpointed Roger Aldis, Doncaster, 140, by 60-58.

Tony Allen, Birmingham, 170, stopped Tony Roberts, Manchester, 166, in four after decking him three times.

▲Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull — Former British light middleweight champion Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 156, had his first fight since losing the title to Maurice Hope, and outpointed Mike Manley, Pontypool, 162¼, over eight.

Paul took things steadily, and concentrated on piling up the points with accurate left jabs.

Steve Foley, Bedford, 178½, outscored Ralph Green, Durham, 181, over eight.

Tony Roberts, Manchester, 163, stopped Joe Hannaford, Shrewsbury, in the sixth and final round after decking him for nine. Hannaford disagreed with this decision, and either man could have got the verdict had it gone the distance.

John McKnight, Glasgow, 120¼, boxed coolly to outscore Frankie Wagstaff, Bedford, 122, by 60-57½, over six. An entertaining contest, with the boxer beating the fighter.

Mick Ferretti, Bedford, 171¾, convincingly outpointed Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 171, over six "twos."

▲National Sporting Club, London — Roy John, Bargoed, 173, inactive for 15 months, looked good in outpointing substitute George Gray, Bradford, 181, over eight.

Southpaw Gray put up a good fight without ever looking like winning. Occasionally he got through his opponent's guard with right leads, which kept John on his toes, but the latter boxed in a determined fashion, and even when Gray did a bit of clowning in the final stages kept his mind on the job, and was good value for his win.

Another fighter making a return after inactivity was Alan Richardson, whose previous bout was a losing British title fight to featherweight champ Evan Armstrong six months earlier.

Richardson, Fitzwilliam, 135, looked decidedly rusty in the opening round, when he was decked by Danny Fearon, Liverpool, 135½, but recovered well to win on points by 79½-77½ over eight.

The fifth was a hectic affair, punch-for-punch, and at the end of it Richardson looked to have had the better of the exchanges. Fearon was marked by the right eye, and this prompted Richardson to a sustained effort that kept him in control.

Carl Watson, Camberwell, 174, outscored Mickey Jay, Eltham, 170¼, over six.

Jay, who also fought in Australia, afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Charlie Richardson, Liverpool, 160, outpointed Joey Gammon, Shoreditch, 156½, over six hectic rounds.

▲Manor Place Baths, London — Alan Salter, Peckham, 141, stopped Tommy Dunn, Reading, 133, in the fourth after flooring him in the previous round.

Dunn only recently won the Southern Area lightweight title, and at first it looked as if he would have no trouble at all, boxing cleverly, jabbing neatly, and really putting on the pressure.

This went on for two rounds, but Salter wasn't prepared to stay on the receiving end, and managed to get within range to throw a hefty left hook that really shook his opponent.

While he was trying to recover from that one, Salter landed another, and down went Dunn for the first time in his professional career.

He rose almost immediately, instead of taking advantage of the count, and in came Salter again. Dunn held on, they wrestled, Dunn went to the canvas, and Salter was warned.

When Dunn rose they punched it out toe-to-toe until the bell but Salter was taking over now. Dunn was being caught with some hard lefts, and finished up sitting on the bottom rope, whereupon the referee intervened.

Johnny Claydon, West Ham, 138½, outpointed Jess Harper, Manchester, over eight.

Paul Davis, Stepney, 149, outscored Mickey Ryce, Bristol, 150, in a bout that brought nobbins. The scoreline after six rounds was 59½-58.

Johnny Elliott, Bournemouth, 141, stopped Mick Hampston, Lewisham, in the fifth, Hampston's left eye being cut.

Albert Hillman, Orpington, 153, comfortably outpointed Mick Evans, 156, over six rounds.

▲Shoreditch Town Hall, London — The end of an era. The longest-running small hall in London closed its doors for the last time to the boxing public, and a debt of gratitude is due to promoter Harry Grossmith and his son Bernie for keeping the venue operating over the years.

During the 19 years of shows at Shoreditch around 40 fighters who campaigned there went on to win titles from national level up to world crowns.

Among them were Dick Tiger and Terry Downes, who met there in 1957.

Both went on to win the world middleweight title.

On this occasion many former champions who had boxed at Shoreditch came along to watch the final night, in which debutant John Wall, Wales, 128½, outpointed Mark Bliss, Tottenham, 127, over six rounds.

Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 177, repeated a previous victory by outscoring Terry Armstrong, Manchester, 180¼, over eight "twos."

It was the Thompson left hand against the Armstrong right, and the former proved the more accurate.

Jimmy Flint, Stepney, 127, outpointed Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 130, over six.

Substitute Roger Aldis, 140, outpointed Ricky McCulloch, Hackney, 140½, over six. McCulloch had been inactive for a few years.

So to the final bout of the evening, and for all time. It was as if the two principals knew there was something a bit special about this one, and Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 160½, beat substitute Mick Hussey, Islington, 163, the latter retiring at the end of the fourth with a cut left eyelid.

While it lasted it was great. Hectic exchanges, plenty of excitement, and not much between them when the premature ending came.

Cain was into his stride quickly with neat left jabs, and Hussey's eye was cut in the second. Nevertheless Mick continued to come forward and got through with one or two hard left hooks that stopped Cain in his tracks.

Both were shaken in turn, both came back well. Referee Harry Gibbs examined the injury in the third, ordered "box on," but the injury worsened, and that was that.

It was also the finale of referee Harry Paulding, who has served the sport well both as a boxer and an official for many years.

▲Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Southend — Billy Aird, Liverpool, 201, won the most important victory of his career when he outpointed Nigerian Ngozika Ekwelum, 202, over eight rounds.

The Commonwealth Championships Committe, of which I am a member, had already announced that they would recognize the winner of this contest as a contender for the Commonwealth heavyweight crown, and Aird was naturally elated at the result.

In previous bouts in Britian, Ekwelum had stopped Richard Dunn and Eddie Neilson, so Aird was expected to have problems. But Billy boxed superbly, and Ekwelum was rarely in the fight.

Ekwelum tried hard to pin his opponent down and get home with his pet punches, but Aird kept on the move and took every opportunity of scoring with accurate left jabs to the face.

Mickey Lock, Croydon, 160, atoned for a previous defeat by outscoring Joey Gammon, Shoreditch, 157, by 60-58 over six.

Mickey Morse, Edgware, 148, stopped Mick Hinton, Penge, 149, in the fourth. Hinton wasn't happy about the referee's decision, but it seemed fair enough.

Syd Paddock, Southampton, 183, outpointed Bimbo Pearce, Newport, 192, over eight.

Mickey Ryce, Abingdon, 146, outpointed Barton McAllister, Clapham, 141, over six.

▲Golden Gloves Sporting Club, Blackpool — Central Area welterweight champion Mickey Flynn drew with Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 147, over eight good rounds.

The result seemed fair, and the fans applauded loud and long in appreciation. It was their third meeting, each having won one before.

The aggressive Flynn kept throwing punches, and Francis had to call on all his skills to keep his opponent at bay. But he did so by accurate jabbing and clever ringcraft, and it would have been a pity if either had lost.

Gerry McBride, Manchester, 126, an experienced campaigner, stopped Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 128, in five, after decking him for eight.

Tommy Williams, Kirkby, 159, drew with Paul Stocks, Sheffield, 160, over six. The 19-year-old Williams was making his debut.

The ring floorboards gave way in the fifth round with John Depledge, Leeds, 217, and George Davies, Manchester, 203, making their combined weights tell, but after repairs had been carried out they finished their six-rounder with Depledge winning.

▲North Staffs Sporting Club, Stoke — Guinea Roger, Nigeria, 183½, outpointed substitute David Fry, Bournemouth, 194, by 79½-78 over eight "twos."

Roger has been inactive, but used his vast experience to outjab his opponent, and invariably kept Fry off balance. Fry's willingness to come forward was just not enough.

Ade Ajasco, Nigeria, 173¾, outpointed Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 166, by 59½-59 over six "twos."

John McKnight, Glasgow, 120½, looked impressive in outscoring Jimmy Killeen, Liverpool, 121, over six, thus avenging a previous defeat.

Billy Graham, Manchester, 146, easily outpointed Ray Fallone, Battersea, 144, over six.

Steve Enwright, Halifax, 138, outpointed Richard Scarth, Melton, 130, over six in a crowd-pleaser.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Not everyone agreed with the verdict that gave John Mitchell, Kirkcaldy, 127, an eight-rounds points win over Colin Miles, Wales, 127.

Mitchell thus repeated a previous win over Miles.

Seven in a row for Gerry Duffy, Dunfermline, 129, who outscored Alun Trembath, Tonyrefail, 128, over six.

An exciting encounter with Trembath jabbing well against the persistent punching of Duffy.

Duffy overcame the handicap of a cut right eye in the fourth, and was good value for his win, but many disagreed with the scoreline, which showed that Trembath hadn't won a round.

John Smith, Glasgow, 154, kayoed Liam White, Wells, 153, in the second, and now leads White by three wins to two.

Hughie Smith, Chapel Hall, 141, easily outscored Eric Williams, Llandielo, 147, over six "twos."

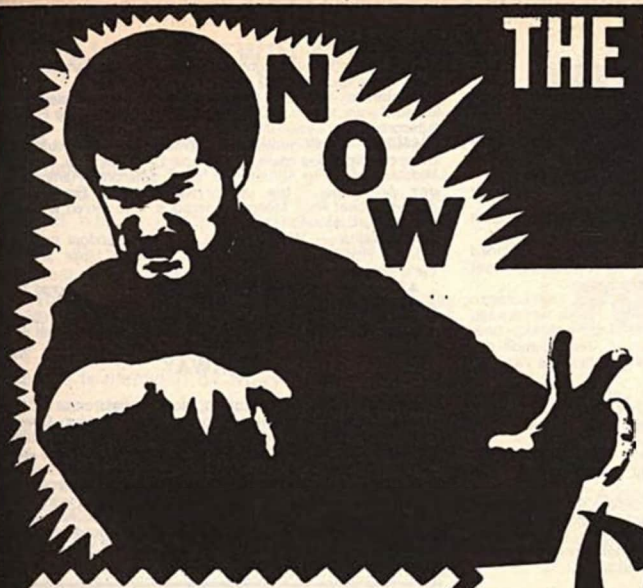
▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — Tim Wood, Leicester, 177¾, stopped Guinea Roger, Nigeria, in five, the referee intervening although Roger had not been down.

However, Roger was shipping punishment when the end came, and the decision seemed right. It was Roger's second bout in five days.

Tony Allen, Birmingham, 172, outpointed Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 178, over eight "twos."

Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 182, drew with Vernon Scott, St. Pancras, 174½, over six "twos;" a terrific scrap with Scott down in the fifth but countering well against his opponent's non-stop aggression.

Ricky McCulloch, Paddington, 140, outscored Steve Gaze, Bournemouth, 136, over six "twos."



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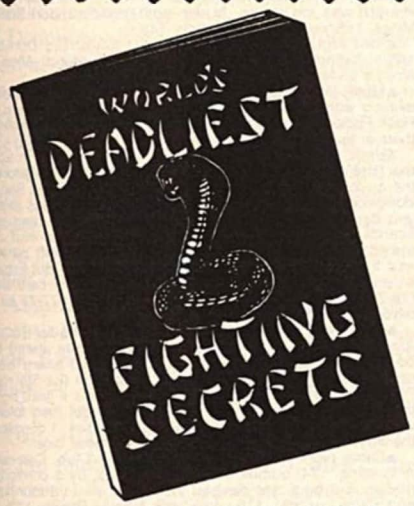

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ACTION IN EUROPE

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tired with a cut eye in round three. Welterweight. Esperno Postl, outscored Jean Claude Lafrage, eight. Lightweight. Klaus Jacoby beat Park Hu Bong, TKO 8.

SPAIN

▲**La Coruna** — Welterweight. Everaldo Costa Azevedo decisioned Jose Gonzalez Dopico, in eight.

▲**Mataro** — Bantamweight. Pedro Pinto II beat Valeriano Morales by a TKO in 10.

▲**Almeria** — Heavyweight. Jose Antonio Galvez beat Fernando Ramos, KO 3.

▲**Bilbao** — Junior welterweight. Fernando Sanchez beat Pietro Ceru, KO 2. Marcos Paperito Jiminez decisioned Luciano Laffranchi in eight.

▲**Bilao** — Heavyweight. Jose Urtain, Spain, beat Alfredo Vogrig by a KO in 2, and was later suspended by the Spanish authorities who questioned the force of the blow that kayoed Vogrig.

Lightweight. Nino Jiminez outscored Bruno Pieraci, eight. Junior welterweight. Miguel Velazquez beat Luciano Laffranchi who retirned with a cut eye in round eight. Miguel Araujo beat Fernando Sanchez who was taken out of the fight with a cut eye in frame three.

▲**Barcelona** — Junior welterweight. Perico Fernandez drew with Jonathan Dele in ten. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz beat Nedo Fabbri, KO 6. Bantamweight. Manuel Masso beat Christian Levy who retired in round one. Junior lightweight. Antonio Guinaldo outscored Roland Cazeaux in eight. Isidor Cabeza and Michel Lefebvre drew in eight.

▲**Santa Cruz** — Moises Fajardo beat Dum Dum Pacheco who retired with a cut eye in round five. The bout was for the Spanish junior middleweight title.

▲**Bilbao** — European junior middleweight champion Jose Duran, Spain, outpointed the German champion Peter Scheibner, ten rounds.

BELGIUM

▲**Izegem** — Heavyweight. Jean Pierre Coopman outscored Vasco Fausthino, ten. Lightweight. Fredo Roeland decisioned Oliviero Pierloni, eight.

▲**Zele** — Light heavyweight. Freddy De-Kerpel outscored Johnny Frankham, ten. Lightweight. Rudi Haeck decisioned Ernesto Miranda, ten.

▲**Kalken** — Middleweight. Jean Claude Midoux beat Paul van Gyzeghem the fight being stopped in round one.

▲**Ghent.** Heavyweight. Jean Pierre Coopman beat Charlie Green, USA who retired in round eight. Fernand De Ryter beat Herbert Willems, Germany, by a KO in 2. Junior middleweight. Alfredo Noveiras beat Gray Ibekwe, Nigeria, KO 2. Welterweight. Jean Simos beat Klaus Fuchs, Germany, TKO 3.

FRANCE

▲**Paris** — Middleweight. Philippe Jacques beat Michel Chapier who retired with a cut eye in round six. Junior middleweight. Joel Bonnetaz beat Gerard Breton, TKO 6.

▲**Compiegne** — Light heavyweight. Robert Amory beat Jose Maver, KO 1. Light heavyweight. Christian Poncelet defeated Andre Bokasa, TKO 4.

▲**Nouex** — Lightweight. Jean Claude Vanderbregh outscored Luigi Renda in eight.

▲**Dunkirk** — Welterweight. Bernard Creton beat Henri Nesi, KO 6.

▲**St. Brieuc** — Light heavyweight. Serge Jagot decisioned Danny Fontilo, six. Welterweight. Andre Sainseaux beat Daniel Jacquin who retired in round five.

▲**Paris** — Middleweight. Jean Mateo, France, beat Lorenzo Nardillo, Italy, KO 1. Lightweight. Andre Holyk decisioned Pierre Petit, ten. Junior middleweight. Gerard Nosley beat Salah Arafa, KO 6. Junior welterweight. Jean Saadli decisioned Joseph Grignion, six. Welterweight. Jacques van Mellaerts beat Oscar Ilung, TKO 6.

▲**Annecy** — Welterweight. Yves Lefferand ourscored Franco Sansrvino, Italy in eight. Waldir Silva, Brazil, beat Philippe Jacques, TKO 5. Featherweight. Albert Amatler outscored Mario Oliveira in eight.

▲**Compeigne** — Light heavyweight. Robert Amory outscored Alain Riviere, ten. Middleweight. Pierre Lefebvre outscored Jean Claude Middoux, in eight.

▲**Paris** — A crowd of nearly three thousand saw middleweight, Jean Mateo, France, beat Britain Tim McHugh, the latter being counted out in seven. A dubious blow to the body decked McHugh in the sixth and what looked like a kidney punch sent the Britain down a second time.

ITALY

▲**Milan** — Middleweight. Germano Valsecchi beat Alberto Torri, KO 3. Junior lightweight. Mario Redi decisioned Renzo Battistelli, in eight.

▲**Rome** — Lightweight. Rosario Sanna outscored Piero Meraviglia, eight.

▲**Rimini** — Lightweight. Primo Bandini drew with Giuseppe Minotti in eight.

▲**Signa** — Junior lightweight. Vincenzo Burgio outscored Abu Arrow in eight.

▲**Campione** — Bantamweight. Salvatore Fabrizio decisioned Mario De Prosperis in six.

▲**Bologna** — Light heavyweight. Ivan Matekovic beat Mario Almanzo who retired with a cut eye in round two. Welterweight. Italo Venturi and Luigi Martello drew in their eight rounder.

▲**Livorno** — Light welterweight. Romano Fanali outscored Luciano Laffranchi in eight.

▲**Cremona** — Middleweight. Trento Facchiotti outscored Dante Lazzari in eight.

▲**Milan** — Featherweight. Luigi Tessarin beat Ray Alaba, TKO 4.

▲**Cagliari** — Michele Siracusa won the Italian featherweight title outpointing Giulianola Lain in twelve. Flyweight. Salvatore Laconi decisioned Fillippo Belvedere, in eight. Junior lightweight. Giuseppe Mura beat Antonio Villasante, TKO 2.

▲**Caserta** — Franco Buglione won the Italian flyweight title outpointing champion Franco Sperati in twelve.

▲**Milan** — Welterweight. Bruno Arcari outscored Lawrence Hafey, Canada, in ten. Middleweight. Ramon Mendez, Argentina, outscored Daniel Martin in eight. Heavyweight. Amedeo Laureti and Francesco Piccineli fought to a draw over six rounds. Marcello Betti outscored Gianfranco Giannini in six.

▲**Trevisio** — Heavyweight. Bepi Ros beat Mongol Ortiz by a TKO in 5.

▲**Milan** — Giancarlo Usai, won the Italian lightweight crown beating champion Enzo Pizzoni, TKO 1.

▲**Palermo** — Bantamweight. Teodoro Corallo beat Giovanni Mura, TKO 1. Featherweight. Michele Siracusa outscored Abu Arrow in eight.

▲**Milan** — Antonio Castellini retained his Italian junior middleweight title beating Aldo Bentini, TKO 3. Light heavyweight. Ennio Cometti beat Raffaele Mario, TKO 6. Middleweight. Trento Facciocchi outscored Raffaele Di Costanzo in eight. Middleweight. Roberto Benacquista decisioned Gianni Mingardi in eight.

▲**Ancona** — Junior middleweight. Damiano Lassandro beat Pascal Zito, KO 3. Welterweight. Valdir Silva, Brazil, decisioned Pietro Gasparri in eight.

▲**Triests** — Featherweight. Nevio Carbi decisioned Giuseppe Martucci in ten.

▲**Sassari** — Junior lightweight. Antonio Puddu beat Giorgio Merlin, TKO 6.

▲**Bologna** — Light heavyweight. Ivan Matekovic, Yugoslavia, beat Giancarlo Di Manno, TKO 3. Featherweight. Pasqualino Morbidelli decisioned Palmiro Masala, eight.

▲**Padua** — Middleweight. Luciano Sarti outscored Walter Guernieri in eight.

▲**Reggio Emilia** — Middleweight. Claudio Moretti decisioned Paolo Bianco, TKO 2. Featherweight. Pasqualino Morbidello decisioned Palmiro Masala in eight.

▲**Cremona** — Welterweight. Giovanni Moretti beat Benjamin Patterson via a TKO in 1.

▲**Sassari** — Junior lightweight. Giuseppe Muta decisioned Domenico Radiconi in eight.

▲**Cagliari** — Featherweight. Natale Caredda outscored Renzo Battistelli, eight.

▲**Milan** — Middleweight. Ramon Mendez, Argentine, beat Valdir Silva, Brazil, who retired in seven.

▲**Milan** — Featherweight. Helenio Ferreira, bantamweight, Albert Amatler who retired with a cut eye in round four. Middleweight. Trento Facciocchi decisioned Guerrino Cipriani in eight. Bantamweight. Lucio Vailati drew in an eight rounder with Gianni Garbo.

▲**Milan** — Bantamweight. Helenio Ferreira outscored Adolfo Osses, ten. Middleweight. Germano Valsecchi decisioned Luis Vinales, eight. Junior welterweight. Giuseppe Russo outscored Jean Pierre Di Stefano in six.

▲**Rimini** — Lightweight. Giancarlo Usai decisioned Tommy Wright, Britain, in eight.

▲**Milan** — Featherweight. Paul Ikumapayi beat Aristide Pizzo, TKO 3.

▲**Rimini** — Heavyweight. Alfio Righetti beat Francesco Piccinali, via a knockout in 2.

▲**Palermo** — Junior middleweight. Antonio Castellini defeated Daniel Martin, KO 3. Bantamweight. Salvatore Fabrizio outscored Luigi Tessarin in eight.

▲**Milan** — Light heavyweight. Willi Taylor, USA, outpointed European light heavyweight champion Adinolfi, Italy, over ten. Middleweight. Vito Antuofermo, USA, outscored Ramon Mendez, Argentina in ten. Junior welterweight. Ernesto Bergamesco beat Raul Molina, Nicaragua, who retired with a cut eye in round seven.

▲**Bologna** — Welterweight. Antonio Chiodoni outscored Adriano Rodrigues, Brazil, in eight. Ali Kaya, Libye and Piercarlo Pedrinelli, drew their eight rounder.

▲**Centu** — Middleweight. Giuseppe Borghi outscored Mario Favotto in eight.

▲**Traponi** — Junior lightweight champion of Italy, Giovanni Girgenti, held on to his title outpointing Giuseppe Agate in 12.

NORWAY

▲**Oslo** — Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, held on to his European junior lightweight title outscoring Domingo Giminez, Spain, over fifteen rounds before a crowd of six thousand. Heavyweight. Bjorn Rudi, Norway, decisioned Timo Ahola, Finland in eight. Rudi took a visit to the canvas in round one but fought back to deck Ahola with a right uppercut in the eighth. Welterweight. Kristian Hoydahl, Norway, won a close affair over eight rounds against Nicola D'Orazio, Italy. German Conny Velensek lost on points over eight rounds to 24-year-old Harold Skog, Norway. The German was sent to the canvas in round seven by a right hook.

1975 BEGINS ROLLING IN AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

Boxing got away to a quiet start in 1975 after a fruitful year 1974 in which there were 222 promotions around Australia, with 607 boxers active in this country. This figure does not include importations.

At time of writing this there have been only eight promotions, all of them in the State of New South Wales (N.S.W.), but activity should start to hum soon, should get into full swing before or around the end of this month, and should progress to the stage where the figures of 1974 are passed.

▲Marrickville R.S.L. Club began the ball rolling with Glen Howard, 130, halting Tommy James, 125½, in the 8th round. Howard was too strong. In the eight-round support Shocker Myles, 145, outpointed Eric King, 143.

▲Two nights later, at Bega R.S.L. Club, Sid Dumbrell, 146½, halted Frank Allen, 148, in the fifth round. Allen suffered a broken nose.

▲Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, opened its season with an all-action main between Jade Emerald and Ross Fadie, each 140 pounds. There wasn't a spit between them at the finish. Result: a draw.

▲Eight nights later Jade Emerald, 141, again was in action, this time at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford. In the opposite corner was Shocker Myles, 141½. Now Shocker does not move the same way Ross Fadie does. Ross attacks; you don't have to look for him. But you have to send out a search party for Shocker! Myles hit and moved and Jade trailed him through most of the fight—trailed as in pursued, and trailed as in the wrong side of the ledger. But Emerald finished fast and hard. Not quite enough on my card as ref (78-77 to Myles) but the two judges each saw it 77-77 so that made it come out a draw.

▲One week later at the same venue Ross Fadie, 140, met Amos Roberts, 140, in a good fight. Fadie was ahead by a comfortable margin in a bout which featured sharp boxing and short slugging rallies, when suddenly, in the 5th round, Fadie backed Roberts to the ropes, shot home a solid right to the jaw which Roberts saw coming and rode, then followed with a short left hook which Amos did not see. I counted all the way. Don't see many one-punch KOs these days.

▲Same night at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray, Al Gattling, 174, outpointed Kim Miller, 175, by a comfortable margin in a bout that pleased the crowd. In an 8-round support Peter Luzinski, 115, drew with Charlie Brown, 113, in a hectic bout.

▲Blacktown R.S.L. Club had a repeat between Brian Clout, 124½, and Dennis Talbot, 120½. These two gamecocks met three times last year, then gave one of the year's greatest fights when Clout, behind on points, knocked out Talbot in the 9th round. Their latest bout did not come up to their last meeting but it was a good fight. Clout won on points. Over eight rounds Kevin Percy, 126, outpointed Willie Leslie, 128½.

▲Eddie Buttons, 144, and Baby Cassius Austin, 145½, gave the customers a sparkling ten at Woonona-Bulli R.S.L. Club. Austin cleared out with the points in the first round but Buttons came on well in the second, pulled in the slack and from the fifth was not headed, though Austin kept it close. As ref I carded 97-95. Judge Don Marks had it 98-96, while judge Dave Thomas carded it 96-96. Buttons on points and a good shower of coins from ringsiders.

▲Former light-heavyweight champion of Australia, Greg McNamara, 167½, tripped to New Zealand and outpointed local Joe Jackson, 175, comfortably over ten. Headliner on that card showed West Indian Carlos Marks, 160, too cagey and experienced for local Monty Betham, 156. Marks won very easily on one card. Venue was Auckland.

READ THE RING

TALENT IN TWIN CITIES

(Continued from page 17)

St. Paul's George Anderson is probably the most talented of any of the Twin City prospects. Anderson is a tall junior welterweight who is a superb boxer, puncher and stands an excellent chance of advancing the furthest.

Anderson is undefeated in his career so far with a 5-0-1 record to date. Anderson won the St. Paul Golden Glove title two times. George is managed by Mary Skarda.

Since making his pro start on May 15, 1974, Anderson has decisioned Ron Pettigrew and John Fuller while being held to a draw by Fuller. Anderson came into his own recently when he easily stopped highly touted Mike Gephart in two rounds. He then went on to stop Larry Moore and Jerry Strickland.

Action for 140 pounders in the midwest is limited because of the shortage of fighters in the lighter weights. To progress to a rating in the future, Anderson will no doubt have to travel, but he seems to have the needed tools to handle himself wherever he may have to go.

Doug Demmings made his pro start on August 6, 1973, after a successful amateur career during which time he won the Upper Midwest title two times. So far, Demmings has put together a 9-1-0 record scoring 5 knockouts along the way.

Demmings is being handled by Ron Peterson of Minneapolis. Demmings is a slick boxer, who given the right chance could surprise a lot of people. Action for middleweights in the midwest should be plentiful, but Demmings may run into trouble getting fights soon as he is one of those unfortunate boxers who may be too good for his own good and the right fights then do not come easy.

Among Demmings victims are George Jacobs, Bob Edwards, Ray Smith (2), and Dick Ramsey. His only loss came at the hands of Daniel Brewer in Chicago in his third pro fight.

Gary Holmgren, St. Paul welter turned to the pro ranks on May 15, 1974, after a long and very successful amateur career which saw him win an All Army Championship, and the Upper Midwest Title three times.

Holmgren has the charisma to become a top drawing card as he is an all action performer. He is a stiff, hard puncher with a terrific left hook.

Holmgren is thus far 5-1-0 as a professional having scored knockouts for all his wins. He has disposed of John Simpson, James Hearn, Bobby Orr, Maurice Sanders, and Milton Buckley. His only loss came on a decision to Bruce Finch.

Chuck Mitch, St. Paul junior welter is a tough, rugged undefeated battler in the Carmen Basilio mold, as well as being one of the most popular performers the Twin Cities have seen in years.

Mitch's amateur log was short as he became a boxing coach at St. Thomas College, but has given that up for the pro ranks. Mitch is managed by Mary Skarda.

In posting a 3-0-0 record so far, Mitch has kayoed Lon Burdon and Sam Carroll while decisioning Larry Moore in a great fight. Chuck Mitch, with his toughness and popularity could become a big money maker.

Fred Askew, Minneapolis heavyweight has the most experience, having appeared in 21 pro fights since starting on October 3, 1966. Early in his career Askew climbed into the ring with some pretty fair fighters, like George Foreman, Ron Marsh, Ted Gullick, Vic Brown, and Aaron Eastling to name a few.

In the last couple of years Askew seems to have turned the corner and has won four in a row. Askew's overall record is 8-12-1. Askew, without the benefit of a manager, has had to take matches when and where they come up, which is not always good.

Askew has defeated Larry Penniger, T. J. Jones, Chico Gardner, Mickey Shannon, etc. Fred's one draw came with tough Ed "Baker Boy" Hurley. The talent is there for Fred Askew, he just has to put it together.

The six boxers have some fine trainers; Anderson and Mitch by Del Bravo, Minnesota's "Mr. Boxing", Le Doux and Demmings by "Papa" Joe Daskiewicz, Holmgren by Bill Kane, and Askew by Floyd Joyner.

These are six of the Twin Cities best prospects. There are others, of course, and they will make their presence known in the future. You will note that of the six boxers covered here, two are managed by a woman, which is a rarity, but all are doing quite well whether managed by men or woman.

There are great fistic prospects all over the country, but in this story we have tried to pinpoint several good young fighters from one location. If any of them make the grade, it will be because of hard work and dedication, and they will deserve any rewards that may come their way.

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TOMMY ROSE ANOTHER FIDEL LaBARBA?

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Then boxing his last AAU fight, Rose at 118 defeated the 1974 New England AAU champion, Tony Girginoff, who weighed 130 pounds.

Seeing no amateur fighter his weight in New England would fight him Rose turned pro, July 16th on the 12-round Tony Petronelli-Hector Matta, USA junior welterweight title, card winning a unanimous decision over Gene Pierce of New York, a lightweight.

Tommy was Hector Matta's sparring partner for his title fight against Petronelli and both Matta and his manager Bill Daly, were very impressed with Rose's boxing ability.

For his professional debut, Tommy brought over 100 fans from the Sherborn-Dover area to the Boston Arena to see him.

Boston TV Station WGBH televised the Tommy Rose-Gene Pierce fight.

In Rose's next fight at New Bedford's Sargent Field, on August 13th, giving away 15-pounds, he defeated Mark Reid of New York in a thrilling fight.

Tommy goes to St. Francis College in Biddeford, Maine where he matriculated after graduating from the Dover-Sherborn High School at age 16.

JOHNSON IN 8TH START UPSETS SUMMERHAYS

By MIKE SCHWARTZ

Hoosier Boxing News — John Appel's Ten Rounds Inclorporated, concluded its third contracted pro boxing show on January 29th and headlined Olympic Bronze Medalist Marvelous Marvia Johnson against Canadian Gary Summerhays. It was a fitting finale to Appel's agreed upon 3 show package.

A standing room only crowd paid $9,500.00, largest in recent Indiana History, to see Johnson in only his 8th pro start, upset the highly regarded Summerhays over the grueling 10 round limit. Marvin, usually a whirlwind starter, showed tremendous respect for his Northern adversary by showing a style of a thinking, moving, defensive boxer. Marvin won 8 of the 10 rounds by beating Summerhays at his own game. At the end, a battered, beaten but game, Summerhays received a standing ovation from the appreciative Hoosier boxing fans.

In the semi-windup, Slammin Sammy NeSmith made it 10 straight as a pro, when he used a total time of 91 seconds to nearly destroy game, but out-gunned Baby Ray Smith of Chicago. Smith came to fight as he went right after NeSmith, a five time Indiana Golden Glove Champ and National Champ, with solid right hand leads rocking Sammy at the start. The 151 pound NeSmith roared right back and dropped Baby Ray with a solid hook to the body. Smith was up immediately, and took the mandatory 8 count from referee Mike DeFabis and tried to make a fight of it, but another devastating hook to the body followed by a right to the chin, put the game Chicagoan flat on his back and out cold.

Other featured bouts saw veteran Marion Tiger Thomas, whose wife had given birth to a son 18 hours before fight time, KO Danny Starks of Chicago in 2:21 of the third. Thomas caught Starks coming in with a perfectly timed hook, and as Starks was falling, a straight right on the button finished him in mid-air.

Heavyweight Tommy Prater, needed 2 rounds to dispose of Bobby Smith of St. Louis, Mo.. Prater, another Champ Chaney student, usually a conservative, slow starter, displayed an exciting, aggressive style never before seen in his 8 pro fights. Champ stole the show by surprising even his closest associates with the complete reversal of styles of his two charges. Congratulations Champ. . .

Johnny Heidel, St. Louis, Mo., stopped David Towles, West Haute, Ind., in 3 rounds. Candy Smith, West Terre Haute, Indiana stopped Cisco Oliver, Chicago in the 3rd.

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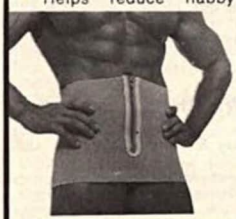

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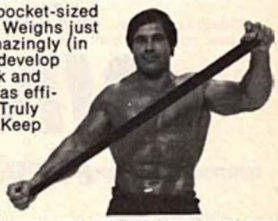

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jimmy Young beat Ron Lyle, 10.
Pat Duncan kayoed Van Sahib, 6.
Pedro Lovell decisioned Charlie James, 10.
Biff "The Terror" Cline kayoed Joe Gooden, 1.
Ibar Arrington halted Gary Wiler, 4, Van Sahib, 3.
Clyde Brown stopped Mike Hardy, 1.
Charley Johnson kayoed Frank Rogers, 2.
Tommy Prater halted J. D. McCauley, 4.
Fred Jones stopped Reggie Flemming, 1.
Rodney Bobick kayoed Terry Krueger, 3.
Scott LaDoux halted Larry Renaud, 6.
Randy Neuman stopped Larry Beilfuss, 5.
Rochell Norris beat Moses Harrell, 8.
Leroy Diggs kayoed Bob Bethea, 6.
Leroy Jones outpointed Reco Brooks, 10, Jimmy Gilmore, 8.
John Dennis defeated Mike Boswell, 10.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Willie Taylor beat Domenico Adinolfi, 8.
Avenamar Peralta kayoed Rudi Schmidtke, 4.
Richie Kates beat Paul Cardoza, 10.
Steve Aczel kayoed Maxie Smith, 3, British Empire light heavyweight title.
Ned Hallacy stopped Grover Robinson, 2.
Bill Douglas halted Karl Zurheide, 3.
Karl Vinson beat Felton Marshall, 10.
Victor Galindez kayoed John Griffin,
Gary Struss won from Curt Yancy, 6.
Hildo Silva defeated James Jackson, 8.
Christy Elliott kayoed Ray Hernandez, 2.
Roy John beat George Gray, 8.
Armand Xhonneaux halted Hans Dieter Schwartz, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Tony Licata beat Marcel Clay & Vinnie Curto, 10, U.S. middleweight title.
Vito Antuofermo decisioned Ramon Mendez, 10.
Mike Rossman won from Matt Donovan, 10.
Ernie Burns halted Glen Morgan, 6.
Manny Torres drew with Mike Morgan, 8.
Doug Demmings outpointed Nick Peoples, 8.
Marco Gerardo defeated Willie Warren, 10.
Jean Mateo kayoed Tim McHugh, 7, Lorenzo Nardillo, 1, beat Jean Bellaiche, 10.
Alan Minter stopped Henry Cooper, 1.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Elisha Obed kayoed Fernand Marcotte, 11, Manuel Elizondo, 10.
Larry Paul beat Mike Manley, 8.
Maurice Hope stopped Don Cobbs, 4.
Rafael Rodriguez decisioned Denny Moyer, 10.
Paul Knudsen halted Top Cat Jackson, 8.
Mike Baker outpointed Leo Saenz, 10, U.S. junior middleweight title.
Ray Seales beat Mike Nixon, 10.
Tommy Howard decisioned John Pinedo, 10.
Sammy Rucker halted Efren Gonzalez, 4.
Tony Gardner kayoed Joe Adams, 1.
Ike Shipman stopped Jerry Lafayette, 5.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Gant kayoed Clyde Washington, 5.
Keith Averett beat C. J. Faison, 6, Bob Oliver, 8.
Eugene White outpointed Tony McDaniels, 6.
Roscoe Frazier decisioned Dave Brunson, 4.
Bruce Cook kayoed Don Nutter, 4.
Carlos Palomino drew with Zovek Barajas, 10.
Gary Holmgren beat Tim Adams, 6.
Ezra Davis outpointed David Arrellano, 12.
Nikita Tarhocker decisioned Ray Pitts, 8.
Wilfredo Benitez kayoed Santiago Sosa, 4.
Ali Afakasi stopped Rocky Mattioli,

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Monroe Brooks kayoed Jose Miranda, 5.
Pedro Fernandez drew with Jonathan Dele, 10.
Leoncio Ortiz halted Jesus Padilla, 6.
Tony Martinez beat Ignacio Castenada, 10.
Dan de Gusman outpointed Pedro Adigue, 10.
George Anderson decisioned Manuel Torres, 6.
Frankie Benitez kayoed Winston Noel, 2.
Toni Ortiz stopped Jonathan Dele. 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ray Lampkin beat Migual Mayan, 10, kayoed Al Foster, 2, U.S. lightweight title.
Ray Lunny defeated Jose Fernandez, 10.
Arturo Pineda stopped Cesar Sinda, 3.
Jim Watts halted Johnny Cheshire, 7, British lightweight title.
Sansak Muangsurin stopped Lion Furuyama, 7.
Rudy Barro kayoed Jimmy Noel, 2.
Hugo Barraza stopped Abel Almaraz, 4.
Tim Walker halted Sonny Oliver, 1.
Ronnie Green kayoed Billy Bell, 5.
Miguel Montilla beat Antonio Amaya, 10.
Kid Carpin outpointed Radames Checo, 10.
Johnny Copeland kayoed Mike Everett, 7.
Vilomar Fernandez defeated Frankie Otero, 10.
Gary Ferrari halted Dave Brunson, 3.
Larry Bonds defeated Barreto Fernandez, 6.
Maurice Wadkins beat Dave Kibby, 8.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Sven-Erik Paulsen outpointed Domingo Jiminez, 15, E.B.U. junior lightweight title.
Diego Alcala beat Hector Diaz, 10.
James Bubba Busceme decisioned Robert Turner, 8.
Sammy Goss beat Fernando Jiminez, 10.
Rick Camaro outpointed Phil Hudson, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Alexis Arguello beat Chico Aparicio, 10.
Elio Cotina kayoed Antonio Jiminez, 11, E.B.U. featherweight title.
Lorenzo Trujillo lost to Armando Mendieta, 10.
Octavio Gomez defeated Danny Lopez, 10.
Art Hafey beat Julio Leal, 10.
Benitin Estrella outpointed Chencho Pena, 8.
Jose Gutierrez beat Young Casanova, 6.
Francisco Cruz decisioned Pedro Jose Diaz, 8.
Julio Leal drew with Manuel Lujan, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Joe Guevara beat David Vasquez, 12.
Alfonso Zamora kayoed Tony Amansio, 4.
Carlos Zarate halted Alberto Cabanig, 4.
Dave Needham outpointed Earl Large, 10.
Andres Hernandez stopped Jose Valdez, 1.
Sean O'Grady kayoed Joe Matthews, 1.
Venice Borkorsor halted Bok Soo Hwan, 9, Orient bantamweight title.
Francisco Villegas beat Felix Figueroa, 10, U.S. bantamweight title.
Daniel Trioulaire stopped Bob Allotey, 9, E.B.U. bantamweight title.

FLYWEIGHTS

Betulio Gonzalez kayoed Mario Mendez, 8.
Fred Gonzalez beat Mario Rogelio, 6, drew with Mario, 6.
Jaime Rios halted Dagoberto Perinan, 6.
Alfonso Lopez defeated Calixto Perez, 10.

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GERMANY PRIMING DAGGE

(Continued from page 18)

Donovan, wno had been boxing in the paid ranks since 1965. Donovan took a right followed by a left hook to the chin in round two and the fight was over.

Jose Maria Madrazo, Spain, was Dagge's next opponent and he stayed the distance losing on points over eight rounds. Francis, Vermandere, the French champion, was then imported but he failed to last the distance and was KO'ed in round seven. It was the first time that Vermandere had been halted and it was only his third reverse.

Eckhard Dagge then went to America for a month and trained at the 78th Street Gym in Los Angeles under the care of Henry Davis.

The German returned to Berlin in the new year to find that he had been matched with ex-world champion Denny Moyer on February 20, 1974. Dagge was facing his eleventh opponent and Moyer's score was 141. The German won the ten rounder by 47 to 45 and collected his largest purse to date, DM 10,000. A crowd of seven thousand saw the fight in the Deutschlandhalle and saw Dagge at his best. About this time Dagge was due to make a defense of his German middleweight title against Hans Dieter Schwartz.

A knee injury prevented the defense and Dagge vacated his crown. Stable-mate Frank Reiche faced Schwartz and won the vacant title.

Another veteran, 35-year-old Manuel Gonzalez, USA, was booked to face Dagge in Berlin over ten rounds but he, too, was outpointed. Gonzalez beat Emile Griffith but then lost to the world champion in a title fight. Gonzalez had also fought guys like Curtis Cokes and Jose Napoles. Then came the defeat of ex-world champion, Billy Backus, which made foreigners sit up and take note.

Dagge has on a couple of occasions let off steam on prominent nite life quarters in Berlin and Hamburg. Brawls have taken place and newspapers have given the incidents generous cover. Dagge lost his driving license and paid a heavy fine not so long ago. Manager Gretzschel was hard on Dagge after the Hamburg affair. He fined his man DM 5,000 and gave him a miss as top star on his next Berlin program.

Gretzschel lost money without Dagge on his program but the latter will think twice before he blows his top in any more nite spots. His work in the ring, however, is a hundred percent. He is always fit and trains well. This guy means business from the first bell.

He is cool, in fact ice cold, and goes about his job with a tradesman approach. He stands 1,82m, has a long reach and he has little or no respect for any opponent he meets. German boxing needs another Schmeling and Eckhard Dagge could be just the fighter to win a world title for his country.

ROLDAN BEATS ARGENTINE CHAMP AGUILAR BY TKO

By SIMON BRONENBERG and ALFREDO PORZIO

Salta — In the middleweight division Roque "Rocky" Roldan beat Argentine middle champion Antonio Aguilar by a TKO in six. Non-title bout. On the same night Carlos Ibañez defeated Vicente Derado by a TKO in 8, and in the feather class, Hipolito Nuñez outpointed Miguel Martinez in 10.

▲**Resistencia** — In the heavy division Marcos Tosto kayoed Armando Lescano in nine.

▲**General Roca** — Middle class Juan "Yanni" Garcia won Luis Salvucci by a TKO in fourth round.

▲**Salta** — Middle Rodolfo Rosales and Norberto Cabrera drew in 10 and on the same night, Ceferino Morales kayoed Omar Carcamo in 3. They are welters.

▲**Rio Tercero** — In the welter jr. class Ramon Peralta beat Miguel Maldonado by a TKO in third round.

▲**Tandil** — In the welter division Ramon Tevez outpointed Carlos Willalba in 10.

▲**Villa Mercedes** — Hugo Obregon kayoed Raul O. Pereyra in second round. Both are middles.

▲**General Roca** — In the light class "Kike" Valdez kayoed Gregorio Martinez in one.

▲**San Clemente de Tuyú** — In the welter division Floro Zarza whipped Epifanio Pavon in six.

▲**Balcarce** — Under Luna Park promotion in the middle junior class Argentine champion Miguel Angel Castellini kayoed Mel Dennis, New Orleans, in the second round.

▲**Goya (Corrientes)** — In the welter class Juan A. Merlo outpointed Eduardo Galvan in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — Esteban Osuna and Roberto Marciali drew in 10. They are middles.

▲**Salta** — In the light-heavy class Raul Loyola beat Ramon Cerrezuela in 10. On the same card in the bantam division Jose Flores won Manuel Muñoz in 10.

▲**Rosario** — Undefeated in the feather class Carlos Portillo beat Ricardo Rivarola in 10.

▲**Parana** — In the light division Cirilo Ruiz and Jose Acosta drew in 6. In the heavy class Roberto Aguilar kayoed undefeated Estelio Franco in the second.

▲**Villaguay** — Marcial Franco (ex-Argentine bantam champion, now in the feather class) beat Juan A. Noguera by a TKO in six.

▲**La Carlota** — Hard puncher in the welter junior division Mario "Hammer" Miranda, kayoed Roberto Estrella in 1.

▲**San Nicolas** — The light class Eduardo Sandoval kayoed Raul Colombo in 8.

▲**Tandil** — Jose M. Lopez whipped Alfredo Moyano in 10. They are lightweights.

▲**Posadas** — Good prospect in the welter class Mario Guilloti kayoed Julio Paletta in 4.

▲**Tucuman** — In the feather class Gustavo Martinez beat Rodolfo Calderolli in 10.

▲**Mendoza** — In the light class Domingo Pennesi kayoed Luis Contreras in second round and undefeated in the welter division Manuel Gonzalez decisioned Rogelio Zarza in 10.

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche** — Bantam weight Juan C. Rios whipped Raul Astorga (from Chile) in 10.

▲**Salta** — The welter class Carlos Peralta outpointed Omar Zarza in 10.

▲**Posadas** — In the feather ranks Ramon Gonzalez beat Ramon Duarte in 10.

▲**San Nicholas** — Rene Campos won Raul Sosa in 10. They are welters.

▲**Tandil** — In the welter class Juan "Chila" Alderete kayoed Oscar Silva in 3.

▲**Barranqueras** — In the middle division Francisco Veron beat Ramon Godoy Cruz by a TKO in two.

▲**Esperanza** — Middleweight Jacinto Fernandez kayoed Juan C. Aydar in five.

▲**Centenario** — Featherweight Omar Canale and Juan Inostroza drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Tandil** — In the light class Jorge "Polvorita" Gomez beat Deoliver da Silva by a TKO in seventh round.

▲**Villaguay** — Welter division Juan Ramon Ramirez and Jose Oviedo drew in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — In the welter class Rodolfo Madriaga beat Manuel Frias by a TKO in eight.

▲**San Salvador de Jujuy** — The future Argentine middle junior champion Esteban Osuna outpointed Catalino Sosa in 10. Lightweight Juan I. Vedia and Juan 'Pamperito Olivera drew in 10.

HALLACY, OKLAHOMA SENSATION WINS OVER WILLIAMS

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Ned Hallacy, Oklahoma City's newest fistic sensation, scored an easy ten round decision over veteran Robert "Songbird" Williams of Memphis at the Red Carpet Inn recently.

Hallacy, 172, of Wichita landed what seemed to be a million left jabs at the head of "Songbird". Hallacy also mixed his attack with left hooks to the head and body.

The Wichita battler easily avoided Williams counter punching attempts and came out of the fight unmarked. Williams, however, was cut on the forehead and puffy around the eyes.

Hallacy, now 8-0, boxed a shut out. He won every round on all three of the official score cards.

It was later revealed that Hallacy injured his right mitt in the second round. That explained Ned's unwillingness to throw his right.

In a special four round event, 15 year old bantamweight Sean O'Grady made his pro debut a successful one by stopping Memphis' David Tymes in the first. O'Grady, son of promoter Pat O'Grady, dropped Tymes three times.

In two other bouts, 150 pound Ward Jones, Dallas, TKOed Mike Pate, Oklahoma City in three and muscular heavyweight Mike Hardy made his pro debut stopping Denver's Ron Lucettia in one.

▲North American Jr. Middleweight Champion Tony Gardner, 152, of Oklahoma City made his first start of the new year by easily stopping Joe Adams of Los Angeles in the first.

Gardner landed a four punch combination that dropped Adams for the count at 42 seconds of the round.

Gardner is seeking a title fight with World Champion Koichi Wajima.

In a special bout scheduled for four rounds, bantamweight Sean O'Grady of Oklahoma City halted featherweight Willie Johnson of Little Rock, Ark., in the first round.

O'Grady landed a left hook that nearly decapitated the visitor and dropped him for the count. The young O'Grady looks like a good one.

In the best bout of the evening, junior welterweights Simmie Black of Memphis and Elliot Santiago battled to a four round draw.

Black had the edge in the first two rounds but Santiago dropped the Memphis battler in the third. Santiago had the slight edge in the final stanza.

Heavyweight Mike Hardy scored his second knockout as a pro by stopping leather-skinned Dwight Sandefer in the third. Sandefer was down twice, the second time for the count, in that third round.

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OBREGON BEATS ROJAS IN COLOMBIAN TITLE

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V.
(Lagoven)

Bogota, Colombia — Rafael Piamonte, 133¼, Tunja, outscored Clemente Rojas, 132¼, Cartagena, eight.

Carlos Obregon, 146 4%5, Guapi, Valle, beat Jose Blanco, 145¼, Cartagena, TKO 7 and won the vacant Colombian welterweight title.

Nestor "Baba" Jimenez, 116 2%5, Cartagena, made a successful defense of his bantamweight title, over Sigifredo Moreno, 115 7%10, Buenaventura, KO 9. In round four, Moreno was decked and although he made it to his feet, the referee counted him out for his own protection.

Hugo Barraza, 137 4%5, Cartagena, stopped Abel Almaraz, 133 2%5, Argentina, in the fourth round.

Cartagena — Miguel "Turco" Betruz, Cartagena, won the Colombian vacant lightweight crown over Ramon Reyes, San Basilio de Palenque. Betruz by TKO in the ninth.

Wilfrido Castro, in featherweight class, and Jacinto Herrera, drew in ten.

Flyweight Henry Diaz outscored Alfonso Cobas, eight.

Carlos Rebollo, bantamweight, decisioned Manuel Sanjuan, in eight rounder.

Featherweight, Guillermo "Cabezon" Gomez, beat Jorge Valdez, TKO 4.

In another card, veteran Bernardo Caraballo, 126, outpointed Mario Mendoza, 124, Panama in ten rounds.

Jaime Ricardo, 119, Colombian, TKO'ed veteran Antonio Barbosa, Brazil, in the sixth round.

Milton Mendez, 140, kayoed Sugar Sanders, Nicaragua, 140, in the fourth round.

Juanito Herrera, 112, Colombian, climbed up the ladder with another win, this time over Panamanian Carlos Rios, 112. The fight went ten rounds.

SAENZ AND ROSSMAN SCORE WELL IN TENS

By BUDDY ELY

Baltimore, Md. — In the new Capitol Centre in Landover, Md. matchmaker Joe Poodles' card was well appreciated by the 4,101 fans who braved foul weather to enjoy the action.

In an instant replay of their previous shootout, Leo Kid Saenz, 158, Baltimore based and southpaw Bruce Cantrell, 150, Spartansburg, S.C., received standing ovations at the end of each of their 10 rounds. It was a toe to toe, wild swinging brawl with each boy giving and receiving heavy punishment.

Knockdowns in the 1st and 7th rounds enabled the Mexican Kid to clearly earn the unanimous decision. However, Cantrell displayed remarkable courage and was live and dangerous at the final bell.

Saenz has logged a 21-0-1 record. Cantrell is a misleading 7-7-0.

Mike Rossman, 160, Turnersville, N.J., lived up to advance notices by scoring knockdowns in the 7th and 8th rounds and winning a unanimous 10 round decision over ring wise Matt Donavan, 153, Trinidad. The 19-year-old prodigy had his hands full in the early rounds but his heavy punching pulled it out of the fire.

Rossman upped his record to 19-0-1. Donavan slipped to 20-13-2.

Knockout artist Al Migliorato, 210, Wampum, Pa., was given a dose of his own medicine in 37 seconds of the 2nd round by rugged Lou Rogan, 191, Beckley, W.Va. A tremendous straight right hand flattened the touted southpaw slugger.

Wendell Bailey, 198, Baltimore, survived a walk on Queer St. in the 2nd round to win a unanimous decision over aggressive John Berry, 231, Wash., D.C.

Smokey Middleton, 183, Washington, D.C. easily disposed of Bobby Hayes, 183, Galion, Ohio, in the first of a scheduled six.

Tim Blue Walker, 141, Washington, D.C. had too much for Larry Moore, 138, Martinsburg, W.Va., and the referee halted the rout after 1:55 of the 2nd round.

To open the show, Ron Smoke Green, 138, Baltimore, TKO'ed 13-year veteran, Johnny Howard, 132, Richmond, Va., in 2:40 of the 4th round.

BARRO AND TAGUPA WON IN DIFFERENT STADIUMS

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

Rudy Barro, 135, who just came from a successful campaign in United States punched Jimmy Noel, 135, to the dreamland in the second round of their scheduled 10-round main event at the Rizal Open Arena. Barro never gave Noel time to get started, punching him from all sides without a let-up. This was the second meeting of the two combatants.

Noel started the fireworks with a left to the chest that ignited the fire. Barro never stopped punching until the referee halted the bout when he found out that Noel was no longer able to defend himself.

Roland Navarreta, 118, halted Rene Cruz, 118, in the 7th round. Leo Viajedor, 135, badly outpointed Manny Ysrael, 134, in 10 rounds. Oscar Barrola, 126, kayoed Bart Tani, 125, in 4. Al del Rosario, 120, won over Baby Alcantara, 123, in 8. Rush Bayani, 115, defeated El Tijam, 114, in 4.

▲Philip Tagupa, 130, and newly crowned junior lightweight champion of the Philippines successfully retained his title by outpointing Flor Escobido, 130, in 12 rounds at the Cebu Coliseum, Cebu City, and attended by 7,000 fans.

Escobido bled in the mouth after toe-to-toe infighting and his second defeat in 21 fights. Tagupa received a championship belt donated by Keystone Auto Supply of Cebu City.

Ben Aldeguer, 112, and former amateur flyweight champion defeated Naduma Jr., 112, in 10. Ped Opeciar, 110, kayoed Jun Soriano, 111, in the 10th. Moises Cantoja, 135, and Larry Fuentes, 132, battled to a draw after 10 rounds.

▲The Games and Amusements Board annual rating for 1974:

Flyweight: Orlando Javierto, Champion. Contenders: 1. Daniel Pilar, 2. Francisco Cruz, 3. Clavilaz Jr., 4. Jun Evengelista, 5. Roberto Cinco, 6. Naduma Jr., 7. Alex Sumaylo, 8. Noel Arricagado, 9. Bill Abrogar, 10. Johnny Castro.

Bantamweight: Conrado "Boy" Vasquez, Champion. Contenders: 1. Amelito Punay, 2. Al Diaz, 3. San Sacristan, 4. Rene Cruz Jr., 5. Rolando Navarrete, 6. Eddie Saloma, 7. Danny Reyes, 8. Dodo Quilario, 9. Armin Marbella, 10. Gil Quiazon.

Junior Featherweight: Ric Quijano, Champion. Contenders: ⅛. Ric Moreno, 2. Jimmy Leonar, 3. Walter Naldo, 4. Jun Gallego, 5. Johnny Agbun, 6. Mar Alverio, 7. Tom Rico, 8, Edwin Alarcon, 9. Elmer Arriesgado, 10. Leven Flores.

Featherweight: Fel Clementes, Champion. Contdners: 1. Nene Jun, 2. Rolando Pator, 3. Colley Saloma, 4. Oscar Barola, 5. Rudy Alarcon, 6. Pepe Arcellas, 7. Rocky Malinao, 8. Bert Tani, 9. James Skelton, 10. Ramon Elorde.

Junior Lightweight: Little Gallego, Champion. Contenders: 1. Pepito Gilua, 2. Rudy Matira, 3. Mar Basa, 4. Larry Fuentes, 5. Al Espinosa, 6. Mike Benitez, 7. Noli Galicha, 8. Rolando Cruz, 9. Dado Zequerra, 10. Danny Basa.

Lightweight: Tony Jumao-as, Champion. Contenders: ⅛. Manny Ysra, 2. Carlito Bernadas, 3. Jimmy Noel, 4. Joe Almano, 5. Rico Toledo, 6. Willie Asuncion, 7. Rado Brancano, 8. Pablito Obreno, 9. Hernani Apatan, 10. Leo Viajedor.

Junior Welterweight: Dan de Guzman, Champion. Contenders: 1. Bert Villa, 2. Al del Rosario, 3. Ely Yares, 4. Raymond Rivera, 5. Art Alcantara, 6. Moises Cantoja, 7. Ben Molero, 8. Alberto Vicera, 9. Rodrigo Roble, 10. Jessie Opaon.

OROPEZA SURVIVES TWO KNOCKDOWNS TO WIN

By BART RAPP

Albuquerque, N.M. — Arizona welterweight champion David Oropeza survived two knockdowns—the second of them quite serious—and went on to win a unanimous 10-round decision over Texas titleholder Frank "Little Smokey" Young at the Civic Auditorium here.

Judge Walter Geis scored the fight 98-94 for Oropeza and this corner had him winning, 98-96. Despite the two knockdowns, judge Richard Koslowski marked it 100-89 Oropeza and referee Mike Klaube had it 100-93.

Young, 145½, had Oropeza down in the fourth and eighth rounds and the second time the Phoenix fireman appeared to be knocked out. Referee Klaube's count reached eight seconds.

Young, whose record is now 26-6 was down himself in the wild eighth round, but he bounced up immediately and took a quicker mandatory eight count. Oropeza, 49-4, weight 147⅜, suffered a dramatic cut in the last round.

During the bout, another fight nearly developed at ringside when Walter Brown, the only member of the Albuquerque Boxing and Wrestling Board present, warned Young's manager Pete Ashlock and trainer Al "Tater Pie" Bolden for vocally encouraging their fighter from his corner.

A crowd of 1200 cheerful fans attended the five-bout card. The city boxing board, which saw fit to have no member at the card's weigh-in, pushed an ordinance through the city council banning beer at prize fights. The ordinance has already been revoked and promoter Paul Chavez will be able to serve beer at his future shows.

In an eight-round lightweight semifinal, Tony Martinez, 136, of Phoenix, won a split decision over Nick Alfaro, 133, Tucson.

Bantamweight Jesse Trujillo, 113, Albuquerque, got a hometown decision, a draw, with Johnny Mesa, 113, Tucson. Mesa struck Trujillo with low blows throughout the fight, and in the seventh round, threw the New Mexican to the canvas. Trujillo's trainers, retired light heavyweight champion Bobby Foster and his trainer Sweet Billy Edwards, protested the rassling tactics and low blows to no avail.

In a lively six-round lightweight fight, Barretas Hernandez, 131, Tucson, won a split decision over Ben Gonzalez, 128½, Globe, Ariz.

Crossroads Bar Boxing Club coach Joe Zamora won his second fight in as many starts when he TKO'ed Manny Garcia at 2:45 of the second round. Zamora, 132½, had Garcia, 131½, down once in the first round and thrice in the second.

GUYANESE FIGHTERS WIN OVER TRINIDADIANS

By ALLAN MANN

*** Local fight fans had lots to cheer about as Guyanese boxers prevailed over Trinidadian opponents in 2 co-featured 10 round fights at the National Park.**

Lenny Blackmore (132) stylishly outpointed Mike Drayton (130) over 10 fast rounds. Coming in behind an educated left jab, the slick moving Blackmore used a short but stiff right hand to the head, to pile up points in the earlier stanzas, then skillfully out boxed his 5' 11" rival in the closing rounds.

In a co-feature, newest welterweight sensation Vernon Lewis, exploded a right—left—right combo to the jaw of Enoch Waldron (138) at 2 min. 4 secs. of the 5th in a contest scheduled for 10 rounds. The Trinidad fighter hit the deck with a thud, and was counted out on his back.

Terry Greene (130) outslugged Kid Carrington (131) in a rugged 10 round eliminator for a lightweight title fight against Len Blackmore. Greene pressed forward relentlessly, dishing out punishment with both fists throughout the contest.

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The lad who possessed all that potential. . .Jimmy Heair has just about lost his desire—and can't seem to get untracked. . . The skid-skid-skidding Heair has been shelved—hoping that a rest for possibly a year—and a chance to think things out—may find him "new life" when he and if he does return to the ring wars. . .Two fighters I like, who could make it big in 1975—Gaetan Hart, 20 year old lightweight—real classy boxer—and young Tony Petronelli of East Bridgewater, Mass. . . .a jr. welter, who should prove himself as a serious threat to world honors before the year is out. . .Hart is managed by the knowledgeable Vern Stevenson of Ottowa and Petronelli by his dad, Pat and his uncle Goody. . .If recession, depression and all that goes with it follow the economic pundits' forecast, the gymnasiums, always the refugees of the unemployed youth, may be buzzing with activity once again—as in the "depression years" following the stock market crash of 1929. . .a depression is good for boxing—if not for people—as hungry fighters pop right out of the woodwork. . .and boxing can sure use a "shot in the arm" right now.

Joe Herman moved California heavyweight Henry Clark along in fine style. . .then Henry figured he could make it on his own and one year ago, Clark achieved instant prominence when he kayoed Jeff Merritt—but poor Henry never capitalized on it. What Clark needs is a firm advisor if not a manager of repute. . .otherwise he'll wind up as an underpaid bridesmaid. . .Former New England welterweight and middleweight champ Ralph "Ripper" Zannelli was honored at a dinner-dance at Johnston, Rhode Island's DiLorenzo's 1025 Club recently—Zannelli boxed them all in his heyday—and always gave a good account of himself. . .Richie Alvarado, a jr. lightweight campaigning in west coast rings, is originally out of Salt Lake City and trained by former middleweight champ, Gene Fullmer.

Marshall Butler of Montreal, has decided to hit the comeback trail—Butler lost to journeyman Art Kettles of Philly last October—and became discouraged, but only after 17 straight wins—and 14 via the kayo route, however Butler will be under new management having forsaken Roger Larivee's stable to campaign for Vern Stevenson of Ottawa. . .Several top flight fight managers are angling to buy up the fight contract of young 17 year old "white middleweight," Paul Poirier of New Bedford, Mass. . .this young man will eventaully be a legitimate heavyweight. . .and has tremendous potential. . .Pete Ashlock, the millionaire who dabbles in prizefighters and has some mighty good ones in his stable, is in heavy construction cranes in the southwest and elsewhere—Pete has another ace, he built and owns the Orlando Sports Stadium and rents to himself. . .Ashlock is in the highly enviable position of legally being a promoter—manager—matchmaker in Houston, Tampa, Corpus Christi, Orlando and Albuquerque. . .environs of which have plenty of folks to draw from and plenty of money invested.

Ron Lyle worked out at the Colorado State Penitentiary, where he served for seven and one half years—and likes the solitude the prison offers him—he leaves each night and lives in a hotel in Boulder, Colorado, then returns daily for his workouts. . .he dines with the "xons"—the only ex-inmate allowed to do this. . .it is the hope of Bill Daniels, his millionaire manager and his p.r. man, Mike Hayes, to land a title fight for Lyle this summer with Muhammad Ali.

Inability to find willing opponents to fight Howard "K.O." Smith has shelved the California heavyweight king. . .When one scans the present crop of heavyweight pretenders—one wonders where are the Arturo Godoy's, Johnny Paycheck's, Curtis "Hatchman" Sheppards, Pat Valentino's, Al Gainers, Al Ettores, Al Hooseman's, Jimmy Bivins, Buddy Baers, and Johnny Shkors, to name a few of the dreadnaughts of yesteryear—why the present crew couldn't hold a candle to these guys—and when Joe Louis was the king—he had some real good contenders—today Louis could have reigned forever.

Monroe Brooks, the California state lightweight champion, is one kid I like for the future. He's a real comer, he can fight, has poise, knows what he is doing every minute he is in there—a guy like this can't miss. . .Art Hafey, who seemed destined for greatness after a big kayo win over former champ, Ruben Olivares in 1974—has gone steadily downhill. . .now after a loss to so-so Famoso Gomez, Hafey has knocked from the "top ten" of his division. . .Former world middleweight champ, Rocky Graziano is now a grandfather in New York, where does the time fly??

Lou Gross, once again picked as the top trainer for the year—so honored at Miami Beach, but what else is new. . .Gross has worked with 17 world champions in his 50 years in boxing. . .guys like this don't come around anymore—they are few and far in between. Another old friend of mine—quite a trainer, but long since retired, Al Lacy of Boston. . .I see him quite often around Beantown, but it has been a long time since Lacy trained any fighter. . .last one was Paul Pender who later became the middleweight champ. . .Jimmy DePiano will move his stepson right into title contention before this year is out—young Jewish middleweight, Mike Rossman, has all the moves and if he listens to Jimmy and his trainer, Charlie Gugiletta, he can become a king. . .ditto for Mike Dundee's gladiator, Elisha Obed—who is rapidly approaching Willie Pep's record for consecutive wins in a row. . .Harry Hannin, formerly with the Harlem Globetrotters organization and a lifetime avid boxing fan, was appointed secretary to the Illinois State Athletic Commission—he will make a good one.

Paddy Flood's ex-middleweight, Bobby O'Brien, now is a New York cop—also the father of a new baby girl. . .Ruben Olivares informs this corner that he is not considering retirement—as was previously announced—and I am sure Ruben has many more good fights left in him. . .we'll be watching for the former great champ to perform. . .Nino Valdes, former heavyweight contender of the fifties, now tipping the Fairbanks at 250 pounds and 50 years old, is a bouncer at the Mardi Gras on Seventh Avenue in New York City. . .Former light-heavyweight champion, (W.B.A. Version), Vincente Rondon fell down a flight of stairs in his Caracas, Venezuela home and has been seriously ill in a hospital with brain damage. . .Bobby O'Dowd, former Iowa fighter who Pinkie George managed in his hey-day, now has an outstanding middleweight socker in Danny Brewer. . .they are in Chicago hoping for a fight with Rocky DiFazio. . .Pinkie, now based in Des Moines, Iowa, is the gent who brought heavyweights Lee Savold (now deceased) and Johnny Paycheck to the fore, prior to the "big clambake," W.W.II. . .It was the late Mike Jacobs who always said that someday you will see boxing from a studio—now Boston, the leading city for crime, has had two boxing shows from a local TV studio with everyone watching at home "free of charge."

. . Look for Tucson, Arizona, promoter Manny Ferrara to come up with a world title fight for his balliwick this year. . .Henry Cooper, who boxed 'em all in London when he was the British Empire and European champion, still feels that Joe Bugner can make it to the top. . .time will tell. . .Joe Frazier looking to take over the training and managerial reins of "white heavyweight" Duane Bobick, who Joe figures can be the champion some day. . .Bobick has had managerial problems with the Denver Boxing Club, who "sponsors" since he turned pro, and has already been training with Frazier in Philly. . .Fernand Marcotte, Quebec City, Canada, gamebock, was "over his head" with Elisha Obed at Miami Beach, but the "house" was encouraging. . .the gate good. . .and the fight tremendous. . .although Marcotte lasted as long as he did merely on a "big ticker". . .Al Bachman, N.Y.C. fight manager still seeking Canadian rings for a worthy fighter—Al has journeyed to Canada for years and has come out of the Dominion with some pretty good gladiators over the years—fellows like Bob Cleroux, who became Canuck heavyweight champ, and Burke Emery who was the Dominion light-heavyweight king. . .Bob Vecchi, is one guy who always wanted to be a fighter—but he had to settle for his present job. . .running the first shift at the Plymouth Jail in that historic town. . .The late former light-heavyweight contender, Irish Bob Murphy, who fought many a great battle in the N.Y. Garden and who married a Boston gal, has a daughter Maureen who graduated from Mt. St. Mary's College in Hooksett, New Hampshire and will soon be teaching children. . .his younger daughter is a chip off of the old block.

Hank Kaplan, Ring Correspondent for many years in South Florida—has been elected President of the Veteran Boxers Association in that area. . .Eddie Linder, once ranked #9 among the lightweights, has announced he will return to boxing. . .Eddie will be remembered for a big win over former champ, Ismael Laguna. . .a very talented man. . .Pinkie George, veteran manager and cornerman, tried to buy up the contract of "white heavyweight" John "Dino" Dennis—but was turned down. . .also, another fine young heavyweight ready for action—Ricky Wynn, trained by Goody and Pat Petronelli out of East Bridgewater, Mass. . .this writer is booking Marvelous Marvin Hagler for the Petronellis. . .Hagler is ready to meet the best in the middleweight division and will travel—"if the price is right."

Frank Dobales, who is the manager of Basque Jean Mateo has been offered a match in Paris with Jean-Claude Bouttier—Jean Bretonnel sends the offer for the fight—also can use Mateo for a series of bouts in Paris. . .Babe Griffin and Carl "Bobo" Olson teaming up—as promoter and matchmaker and running shows in Northern California cities with huge success. . .When one sees Lucien Pierre Brouillard today, you would never know that here was a man who held two world titles. . .welter and middleweight champion of the world. . .Lou resides in Halifax, Mass. in a little home with his wife Minnie—(who was the daughter of Joe Beston who owned Beston's Gym in Quincy, Mass., years ago)—and their children all married and gone. . .Lou is still in great shape. . .and loves to go to the fights with this writer.

SORIMACHI RETAINS TITLE IN JAPAN

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, witnessed a good fight. It was a see-saw 12-rounder by welterweight champions. Ryu Sorimachi, 146¾, kept his Orient title by a split draw with Shoji Tsujimoto, lefty titlist of Japan.

Shoji, younger favorite before the fight, entered the ring at 145¾ pounds. The lefthander took the leadoff, showing speed and skills. Ryu, boasting his superiority in power by the 46-9-2 (29 kayos) record, was annoyed by Shoji's mobility. In the latter half they fought in even terms. It was the 12th and final round that Ryu turned the tables by his vaunted right hand. He dropped Shoji for the mandatory eight count. The lefty beat the count. However Ryu's incessant attack decked him again. Shoji, rubber-legged lasted the round. Referee Ugo and Kakamoto had same scores 56-56, while judge Yoshida saw 56-55 for the defending champ. It was Shoji's second draw against 19 wins (8 KOs) and two defeats.

▲Arab Suga, favoriate at 137 pounds, was held to a disputed draw by Toshiharu Mori, 135, in 10 hot frames. Mori began the fireworks from the very start. Mori had lost a decision to Susumu Okabe in his previous title go.

Suga was outclassed and outpunched by the willing mixer in the first half. But he made a gash over the left eyebrow of Mori in the sixth session and thereafter the tide turned. Suga overwhelmed the fading Mori to overcome the points deficit.

Former lightweight titlist Hidemori Tsujimoto continued on the comeback trail. After a layoff of three years Hide had returned to action last year. His third trial horse was Shoichi Yanagawa, lefty puncher. Hide proved that his experience in a long range rally was effective against the southpaw. It was a monotonous affair. A unanimous nod went to Hidemori, whom the JBC listed in the welterweight division. Junichi Ohkubo, ex-local Shinjin-o, got off the canvas to floor Tatsu Harada in the sixth round. Both kissed the canvas on occasion. Junichi swarmed over the loser with a looping right. In the fatal canto Ohkubo had his opponent on the canvas three times.

Kazuharu Arai lost to Yoji Arai in 10 dull rounds. They were welterweights.

▲Kenji Shibata, 153¼, engaged in his first title defense since he dethroned Hitoshi Nakagawa last year. For all an easy win being expected Kenji was forced to have a close fight with Hiroshi Hikichi, 151, in 10 frames. The official verdict was a draw. Shibata sent strong left shots to his rival's face to take the lead. Hikichi, fought back and in the last three rounds they both were exhausted. The three scoresheets were tabbed alike, 48-48 by ref Tezaki, judges Ebine and Nakamoto.

▲In Japan the number of rounds of a fight is decided by the "Rule." National title bouts are fought in 10 rounds, while Orient ones in 12 rounds. The JBC gave a permission to the following card (nontitle) being contested over 12 cantos. Orient feather leader Zensuke Utagawa met Susumu Okabe, national junior lightweight boss, in an overweight go. Having scored a clean kayo over Joe Malonzo, P.I., last year, Utagawa used his specialty, a stinging left, against his shorter foe to win the decision. Referee Ugo and judge Ricard saw the affair 59-55 each in Utagawa's favor, however, Yoshida, another judge, tabbed the score 57-58 for Okabe.

▲News from Korea reports that Isamu Kondo had been kayoed by Jae-Do Yuh in the second round. Yuh, Orient middleweight boss, proved too much for the inexperienced Japanese. It was a nontitle go scheduled for 10 rounds.

Hyun-Chi Kim, Orient junior lightweight leader, copped a lopsided duke from Japan's Kazuyuki Iwakiri in a nontitle ten.

Guam witnesses Takemi Toyama retire at the end of the sixth session of a scheduled tenner with Flash Gallego. Toyama kicked the Filipino with his knee, then immediately the third man declared a disqualification to award a win to Gallego. Kuniaki Shimada, flyweight Japanese, was finished by Peter Noble, P.I. in 4.

Japanese referee Yusaku Yoshida was imported to Korea. He was a third man in a card of Hwang-Hong Soo's first defense. World bantam leader Soo successfully kept his title by a split decision from Fernando Cabanela, O.I. in 15 rounds.

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COMER OBED WINS OVER MARCOTTE AT MIAMI

By HANK KAPLAN

James Scott, Newark, New Jersey light heavyweight who topped Raul Loyola in his last appearance locally and Vinnie Curto who bested Chu Chu Garcia when last exhibited here will both be seen in upcoming Miami Beach Chris Dundee promoted bouts soon.

Meanwhile, Elisha Obed, who recently gained the North American junior middleweight title with a 11th round knockout of Fernand Marcotte, is the hottest attraction around and will soon be challenging for the British Empire junior middleweight crown, currently held by Charkey Ramon of Australia. . .Former top flyweight from Canden, New Jersey and Philly, Chappy Roberts, wants all his friends to know he is recuperating well from his recent illness which kept him down for awhile.

The Miami Boxing community was saddened during the past month by the loss of three former scrappers: Jack Stark, former Brooklyn bantam and featherweight, James (Ray) Butler, Miami battler of the early thirties and Billy Maxwell, Philadelphia featherweight of the twenties. . .Joe Rodrigues, a durable leather slinger who boxed as Young Russell in Tampa and known as The Panther of Palmetto Beach is still around but confined to home territory in southwest Miami. . .Irish Bob Scott, a new heavyweight to the Miami area is soon to be unveiled by manager Clay Teppinpaw. . .Stan Williamson, one of the more talented prospects in training at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym, is the Canadian and North American middleweight champion.

In recent amateur competition at the Elizabeth Virrick Gym at Coconut Grove, middleweight Eddie Ruffin bested Mike Emerton in a three round feature. Woody Clark, two-time Golden Glove Champion, stopped Jimmy Fair in the third round of a heavyweight duel.

Using a very effective left jab, Elisha Obed, 150¾, Nassau, Bahamas, indicated he may be imminent title timber as he scored a 11th round TKO over Fernand Marcotte, 153½; Quebec City, Canada, in a contest scheduled for 12 rounds in which the North American Junior middleweight title was at stake. Before a packed house full of visiting Canadians at the Miami Beach Auditorium, Marcotte pressed into his style of action from the opening bell and continued until early in the third round when Obed's jab held him at bay. Obed stood up well under the occasional headpunches landed by Marcotte. After the first two rounds, Obed had the fight under his control as the mauling Marcotte ate leather including left and right uppercuts, one of which drew blood from his lips.

In round ten, Obed connected with a left hook and then a right chop which put Marcotte on uneasy legs, barely making it back to his corner. In round 11, the Nassau champ continued his heavy assault as Marcotte's corner recognized the futility to continue, signalling the referee, Cy Gottfried to halt the action. Over 3000 fans attended the Chris Dundee promotion.

In a scheduled ten round supporting bout, Jose Peterson, 143, San Juan, Puerto Rico, posted a seventh round TKO over Charley Fullard, 149¼, Jacksonville, who was hurt repeatedly and unable to continue.

In a scheduled eight rounder, Oretes T. Davies, 197½; Fort Lauderdale, stopped John L. Johnson, 205, Tampa, in an exciting battle while it lasted. The hard punching Davies wobbled Johnson with a left hook, driving him to the ropes. Davies poured on the leather as Johnson lay on the ropes trying to defend himself. The referee stopped the fight in the favor of Davies.

In a wild four rounder, strong Eddie Axelrod, 151, Miami Beach, decisioned Rocky Pope, 147, Miami. Axelrod was in trouble at one point but came back to outscore his opponent in spirited action.

▲In an action brawl at the Miami Beach Auditorium, Frankie Otero, 133½; Hialeah, tried vainly to overturn the learly lead of Vilomar Fernandez, 134, New York, and make it close enough for a draw verdict but instead, lost the decision on a split vote. One judge, in fact, viewed the fight a draw, while the other two votes brought Fernandez a narrow edge winner in the ten round return match of a month ago.

It was generally agreed that while Frankie won the last four rounds of the fight, Fernandez piled up a big enough margin in the early stanzas to influence the vote in his favor. But Frankie Otero finished stronger than his New York opponent, as he indicated he would before the fight. Neither fighter was hurt significantly at any time during the fight which saw constant action. Over 2000 fans roared their approval at every exchange.

After a 9 month rest, Ike Hooks, 141, Phila., Pa., looked rusty but had enough skill to outscore in the early rounds and in round four, to kayo Manuel De Jesus, 139¾, Bayoman, Puerto Rico. Ike worked the body of his opponent until he found a clear target on the chin of De Jesus. He caught his island foe on the chin with a straight right to end the fight in round four of their scheduled sixer.

In another six round bout, Juan Hidalgo, Santo Domingo, 135, continued on his unbeaten path as he outpointed Benjamin Camacho, 133½; Bayoman, Puerto Rico. Juan displayed a lot of speed with his best opponent to date. Camacho gave Hidalgo a couple of puzzling moments when he changed to southpaw style midway in the fight, but the cool Hidalgo concentrated on his mark and had Camacho in difficulty on two occasions. The promising Hidalgo is now 3-0-0 after a brilliant amateur career.

In another scheduled six rounder, Orestes T. Davies, 188½; Fort Lauderdale, belted out Carlos Dunston, 192½; Green Cove Springs, Florida, in the second round, when the referee figured Dunston had enough.

In a four rounder, making his debut here, big Irish Bob Scott, 224½; West Virginia, used a short left hook and good combinations to stop Steve Balcunas, 219, Miami, in the second round.

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will not get up resentful. And he will not go out to give an opponent a serious injury the way some big shot heavies have done in the past."

Chris came right back into the conversation. "Rocky Marciano would have given Ali plain Hell," Chris insisted. "Rocky was hardly out of the light heavyweight class. But he was a physical marvel. He never was out of shape. What a gut guy. A true champion."

The discussion went all the way back to the choice of Joe Louis in The Ring poll.

Said Chris, "Joe came straight at you. He could not have beaten Ali. Poll or no poll.

The interviewer asked, "Would a return match with Foreman bother Ali?" Angie was asked.

"You have to be bothered, more or less, by any big opponent. This fight game is loaded with surprises. No farther back than Young and Lyle, or, going back, Braddock and Baer, Carnera and Sharkey. The champion who takes a big puncher for granted could come out with a bloody nose, at least."

Another four rounder saw Mike Moraz, 159, Miami, steal the thunder from Leon Axelrod, 154, Miami, with the effective use of a left jab, winning the clear decision.

RODRIGUEZ DECISIONS VETERAN MOYER

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Minneapolis, Minn. — Rafael Rodriguez, 152½, Minneapolis, came of age as he just narrowly missed putting veteran Denny Moyer, 156, Portland, Ore. away in the first round, but had to settle for a unanimous ten round decision at the Auditorium.

Shortly after the opening bell Rodriguez caught Moyer with a solid left, right, left combination dropping Moyer along the ropes. Moyer was right up but took a standing eight count. Denny's nose bled from the first round on and seemed at times to bother the veteran as he could not get himself untracked.

Rodriguez scored repeatedly with a left jab throughout the fight while shaking Moyer up with solid right hand punches. Denny's long experience kept him out of real trouble after the first round. In the ninth round the two fought toe to toe in a heated exchange, but the left hook of Rafael's gave him the better of the going.

The scoring went 96-94, 97-93, and 97-94 all for Rodriguez to give him his biggest win to date.

The fight drew 2,250 and a gate of $16,800. The win brought the record of Rodriguez to 14-1-1, while Moyer now stands at 95-36-4 and one no decision.

Doug Demmings, 163, Minneapolis (10-1-0) won a dull eight round decision over Nick Peoples, 156½; Columbus, O. (6-18-1) in the semi final.

Gary Holmgren, 149½; St. Paul (6-1-0) outpointed Tim Adams, 145, Chicago (4-2-1) outpointed Curt Yancey, 174, Minneapolis (4-12-0) in six rounds.

▲**Rochester, Minn.** — Rodney Bobick, 232, Bowlus, Minn. experienced little trouble in stopping Terry Krueger, 204, San Antonio, Tex. in three rounds at the Mayo Civic Auditorium before a crowd of 1,320 paying a gate of $6,180.

, Krueger did not live up to his reputation as a knockout puncher, only in the third round did he land a solid punch, a right hand which drove Bobick into a corner. Krueger then opened up but paid the price as Bobick retaliated with several combinations and then put Krueger away with a powerful left hook to the jaw.

Angelo Dundee, Bobick's trainer, was well pleased with Rodney's performance. Bobick's record is now 32-3-0, with 17 knockouts.

In the scheduled ten round semi final, Scott LeDoux, 222, Minneapolis (12-0-0) stopped Larry Renault, 208, Montreal (12-0-0) in the sixth round.

Glenn Morgan, 163, Richfield, Minn. (13-0-0) stopped Jimmy Claar, 156, Indianapolis (4-1-0) in two.

George Anderson, 138, St. Paul (7-0-1) decisioned Manuel Torres, 140, Chicago (1-1-0) in six.

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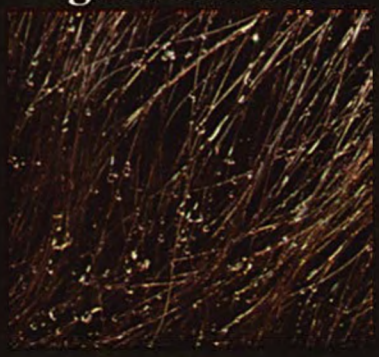

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